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## January Store Sales Reviews died of hearty 10 mg. Reviews died of a heart attack the ported from the United to the first the 1985 for a secretary many hammans. Perk Up in America Economists Temper Optimism With Warnings of Stagnation

By Lawrence Malkin NEW YORK - An unexpected spurt in January retsil sales, reported Thursday, made markets think the U.S. economy was picking up. Don't bet on it, warned analysts—

although they said the data could mean the worst was over. The Commerce Department re-ported a rise of 0.6 percent last month in retail sales. It also revised month in retail sales. It also revised upward the declines of the previous two months by half a percentage point to show sales virtually flat instead of actually declining for Christmas. January may also be revised as more stores report, but probably not enough to show a Broadway will meeting us.
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drop.
The Labor Department reported a decline of 13,000 in the number of new unemployment claims, to 437,000, during the week ending

"Maybe fewer are losing jobs, but even fewer are getting them," said Edward Yardeni of C.J. Lawrence, Morgan Grenfell Inc., not-ing a 114,000 increase in January applications for emergency unem-ployment insurance by workers who have exhausted their benefits.

The sharpest reaction to the news occurred in the foreign exchange markets, where the dollar climbed steadily through the morn-ing in London and New York, rising as much as two pfennig against the Deutsche mark but moving more cautiously against the yen.
Wall Street stocks reacted main-

ly to a quick sell-off in the bond market; which feared the numbers would signal more caution in the Federal Reserve Board's consideration of a cut in interest rates. Bluechip issues at first succumbed to profit-taking following a record close Wednesday, then started climbing by midday, but turned lower in the afternoon.

Boods were also overshadowed by the third day of the Treasury's disappointing \$36 billion quarterly refunding, which itself has been overshadowed by the Fed's caution

and attracted little interest from small investors. The auction Thursday of \$10 billion worth of 30-year bonds forced yields up sharply from Wednesday's 7.83 percent, to 7.91 percent in late trading, as dealers sought protection in case interest rates have hit bottom.

Financial markets are dominated by traders trying to position themselves for the economic recov-

**U.S. Retail Sales** Total retail sales \$153.5 bit ...

cry that is widely expected later this

year. Hinge sums are to be made by

those who, as in earlier centuries,

first spot the treasure ship coming

into port. Unfortunately, spotting

the turnsround in a complex mod-

ern economy is by no means as

straightforward.

Words used by economists to describe the economy in light of the

scribe the economy in ignt of the retail figures generally were "stagnant" and "going nowhere," with the profession wondering whether the pickup will be sustained with few new jobs available and con-

sumer confidence still at recession

levels.
"We thought Christmas was a

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Vegard Ulvang of Norway, in photo Goalie Ray LeBlane turned in his secbelow, became the Games' first double- ond outstanding game. U.S.-born goalie

Kronberger: The Cream

Petra Kronberger's luck changed at last

Thursday when the Austrian star, fa-

vored many times before, won her first

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ence Masnada the bronze, France's sec-

ond medal in Alpine skiing at these

gold medalist by winning the men's 10kilometer cross-country race, after the 30-kilometer. Marjut Lukkannen cootinued a Finnish tradition, winning the women's five-kilometer race.

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Olympic title, the combined, by beating Masnada's teammate, Edgar Groteammute and defending champion Anita Wachter, What would have been spiron, won freestyle skiing's first Olympic gold for France; another world the third sweep in Olympic history was champion. Donna Weinbrecht of the wiped out when Ulrike Maier, in a United States, won the women's title, as snowstorm that one competitor deabout 10,000 watched the event. scribed as skiing through "whipped

the second slalom run. That gave Flor-Finns: Creamed by U.S. in a hotly contested hockey match, the United States clinched a berth in the medal round by beating Finland, 4-1.

gained the medal round by beating Germany. 3-1, behind former NHL All-Stars Borje Salming and Mats Naslund. Not Crazy, Just Nuts

David Delfino helped Italy's hopes for advancing in a 7-1 victory over Poland.

In the final match of the day, Sweden

A lot of people may think speed skiers must be erazy to shoot down mountains at 130 miles per hour in skintight rubber suits. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Take Dale Womack — just an average, fun-loving 25-year-old. On days off, he relaxes by shooting the Colorado River rapids in the Grand

Olympic report: Pages 16 and 17

Canyon on a surfboard.



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U.S.-Japanese relations, but in a strongly worded warning he described them as being at the edge of a eliff, about to go over.

Shin Kanemaru, surrounded by guards, in Toyko on Thursday.

He said that Japan should improve the climate by taking many more them as being at the edge of a cliff, about to go over.

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#### Iraq May Tell More on Atom Arms MANAMA, Bahrain (Renters) - Iraq is ready to come clean on

all aspects of its nuclear weapons program to persuade the United Nations to lift sanctions as soon as possible, a UN inspector said Thursday.

Maurizio Zifferero, head of an International Atomic Energy Agency inspection team, said Iraq was pressing for a meeting with agency experts in Vienna to fill in gaps in its knowledge of its plans to produce nuclear weapons.

**General News** 

U.S. policy forced Libya to curb its terrorist support but may lead to instability. Page 3. Leisure

Singapore is displaying Chinese treasures never seen outside that country. Michael Richardson reports.

Page 7. Crossword

#### Dow Close The Dollar 3,246.65 DM 1,623 Down Pound 1.7727 30.18 Yen 127.75 5.537 5.537

#### Page 2. Weather Pages 6-7. Cuomo, Still Not Running, Whistle-Stops on Prime Time

By Kevin Sack

BOSTON - With all the trappings of a campaign, Governor Mario M. Cnomo traveled to the New Hampshire media market to deliver a speech that won as much attention for its timing as for its

Six days before the first in-the-nation presidential primary in New Hampshire, where Cuomo supporters are waging an unanthorized write-in campaign for the New York governor, Mr. Cnomo went to

of scapegoating the poor for the country's economie

"In 1932, people blamed the rich, the stockbro-Bill Clinton's anti-war letter throws his dazed cam-

paigu into a tailspin. Page 3.

kers, the mighty industrial barons, the bankers and the landowners, the powerful officials and politi-cians who failed them. Mr. Cuomo said Wednesday

Harvard to denounce what be described as a practice might to an audience of several hundred students and of scapegoating the poor for the country's economic faculty members.

This time, the powerful, instead of confessing error and pledging to correct it, are deflecting the blame from themselves to the powerless: to the poor, to the child who just had a child, to the new immi-

The content of his speech was clearly aimed at the Republicans, who bave transformed welfare into an emotional campaign issue in the last two years. But by the time he walked to the lectern Wednesday night at the John F. Kennedy School of Govern-

ment, his message had been largely obscured by his decision to give the speech when and where he gave

Although school officials said the date of the speech was decided on in early January, before the recent troubles of Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, Mr. Cuomo's address had the effect of upstaging the candidates who have failed to catch fire in New

The governor's visit to Boston put him under the See CUOMO, Page 2

# Japan's Political 'Godfather' Laments Tensions With U.S.

By Steven R. Weisman

New York Times Service TOKYO - The man described as the godfather of Japanese politics is unhappy with some of his country's leaders, saying that their recent

criticisms of American work habits have helped to cause relations with the United States to worsen dangerously.

Some Japanese politicians have caused misunderstanding as a result of their remarks," Shin Kanemaru, vice president of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, said. "I told my colleagues that you have to be extremely cautious when you make remarks, that you have an impact

"If we belittle the United States, there is no future for Japan," said on people overseas."

With stage-managed police raids, Japan unveils a loan scam linked to

gangsters and the Liberal Democratic Party. Page 5. Mr. Kanemaru, who is widely considered more powerful than Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa himself.

"Japan can exist because the United States exists," he said Wednesday, "but it is not the other way around. We owe our prosperity to the United States. Many Japanese forget this fact." He did not single out any Japanese official, but among those leveling harsh criticism of the United States has been the man Mr. Kanemaru,

more than anyone else, put in office: Mr. Miyazawa, who said that Americans "may lack a work ethic." "I'm concerned about this very bad state of affairs," he said, contradicting assurances from Mr. Miyazawa, President George Bush and other leaders that Japanese-American relations were fundamental-

He did not spell out the consequences of further deterioration in ly souod.



steps to open its domestic markets, particularly the rice market, to foreign competition.
"I had a talk with President Bush, and I mentioned that to him," he

At 77, Mr. Kanemaru has a long record of pro-Americanism. In fact, his support for the U.S. position, while often not as strong as Washington would like, is a secret asset of the U.S. strategy in Japan. But the future is in doubt because a new generation, less certain of its feelings for America, will be coming to the fore.

In Japanese politics, Mr. Kanemaru prefers to run things as a

kuromaku, or string-puller, behind the scenes, and as a master of pork-barrel politics who has brought huge sums to the governing Liberal Democratic Party. Every prime minister since 1980 is said to have been politically indebted to Mr. Kanemani, not always without some friction.

In recent months, Japanese political gossip has focused on the feud between Mr. Kanemaro, who might be comfortable in a Chicago ward office, and the courtly and the cerebral prime minister, Mr. Miyazawa. For years, the two were said to cordially loathe each other.

Last fall, for instance, Mr. Miyazawa was quoted as saying that he wished Mr. Kanemaru would sink in the Kamanashi River in his district. For his part, Mr. Kanemaru was quoted as saying that despite his support of the Miyazawa government, it was sinking like a boat made of mud.

But a couple of weeks ago Mr. Miyazawa, stung by several legislative defeats and criticism of his lack of leadership, turned to his old rival and named him vice president of the governing party, in effect handing over control of all logrolling to the old master.

The union of the two rivals was reportedly sealed in a private room at a restaurant, where the two sat on traditional straw mats, drained plasses of rice wine and scotch, sang folk songs and promised not to betray each other.

Mr. Kanemaru smiles at the suggestion that the prime minister serves

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# **UN Chief Seeks 10,000 Troops** For Yugoslavia

# Peacekeeping Plan Draws Warnings From Rebel Serbs

peacekeepers to Yugoslavia, a UN spokesman announced Thursday.

The Security Council is expected to meet next week to approve the recommendation, the spokesman said, and advance elements of the force will probably arrive about two weeks later.

The size of the deployment may eventually reach 13,000 military. police and civilian personnel, UN Deployment of the peacekeeping

force is considered important to shore up the shaky six-week ceasefire in Croatia, where a civil war has claimed thousands of lives since it declared independence in

Yugoslav and Croatian leaders said Thursday that the UN deploy-ment would help stop the fighting, but rebel Serbs in Croatia said it could lead to further bloodshed.

"The secretary-general is of course conscious that there remain a number of unanswered questions concerning this operation," the UN spokesman said, "and feels strongly that the success of the operation is predicated upon the full cooperation and support of all the parties in Yugoslavia." This was a reference to objec-

tions raised by some leaders in at least one of three Serbian enclaves inside Croatia where the force would set up demilitarized UN

Milan Babic, leader of Krajina, the main Serbian enclave in Cro-atia, pleaded in a letter Thursday to Mr. Butros Ghali not to make hasty

"A decision by the Security

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UNITED NATIONS, New
York — Secretary-General Butros
Butros Ghali is recommending the
dispatch of more than 10,000
cause many casualties," Mr. Babic wrote. "We cannot accept responsibility for those losses and beg you once more not to put us in such a

dangerous dilemma. He urged the secretary-general to await the results of a referendum in Krajina. The Serhian leader has called for a referendum on Feb. 22 and Feb. 23 that would ask inhabitanis of the enclave whether they approved a UN plan to demilitarize Croana and station UN troops

Other objections bave been raised by Croatian leaders, although the UN envoy, Cyrus R. Vance, who recommended to Mr. Butros Ghali that the force be established, has obtained assurances from President Franjo Tndjman of Croatia that be would cooperate.

report to be sent to the Security Council early next week. After studying the report and es-timates of the costs, the council is

virtually certain to approve estab-Yuli M. Vorontsov, the Russian ambassador, said, "We're all for

The initial annual cost of the force is expected to be about \$400 million, the UN spokesman said. The secretary-general is to give details of the proposed force in a

hishment of the force, diplomats

Mr. Butros Ghali informed the five permanent members of the council - the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China -of his recommendation on Thursday. The UN undersecretary-general

in charge of peacekeeping opera-See UN, Page 2

# Yeltsin Will Soften 'Shock Therapy'

By Margaret Shapiro

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin, reacting to growing con-cern that his economie "shock therapy" is impoverishing millions of people, said Thursday that his government would make some changes in its radical plan as a way to better protect the poor, but he declined to give details.

Speaking before a clearly concerned Russian parliament, Mr. Yeltsin acknowledged that severe hardships were occurring as a result of his economie reforms and said "It has become elear we need a series of measures, which cannot be

put off, to stimulate our economic The government bas already made some small changes in the reforms, such as reducing taxes on the most essential foods to keep their prices within bounds.

But there is growing concern here that old people, lower income workers and others on the minimal pensions paid here will not be able to feed themselves in the coming months because of quickly rising food prices with the move to a market economy.

The number of people now living below the poverty line here has risen dramatically since the freeing of prices on Jan. 2, a fact that has prompted recent deliveries of bumanitarian food aid from the United States and other countries. In Moscow, for instance, the government estimates that about 95 percent of the city is now officially

Mr. Yeltsin said that his administration was drawing up oew mea-

sures to revamp the nation's dor-mant agriculture and to better protect the needy. But he and other members of the administration have made it elear that they do not intend to back away from free prices, privatization and other reforms needed to move to a market

Mr. Yeltsin's chief economic aide, Yegor T. Gaidar, said that "so far events have developed accord-

Ukraine's de facto currency spurs a split with Russia. Page 11.

ing to the optimistic scenario." an apparent reference to the fact that while many are facing extreme circumstances, there has so far been none of the social unrest many pre-

While prices went up by 200 percent or more in January, store shelves have more on them, and some prices now appear to he going down. In addition, the ruble, which plunged in value after Mr. Yeltsin freed it last December, has slightly strengthened against the dollar in recent days.

And in an interview with the Interfax news agency Thursday, one of Mr. Yeltsin's economic advisers, Alexei Ulyukayev, said that further freeing of prices will soon occur, including the somewhat protected price of bread, but that the government will also give "bread compensation" stipends to pensioners and others most hard-pressed by the price increases.

Television oews on Thursday reported that Mr. Yeltsin's cabinet See YELTSIN, Page 2

# In the Deep Off Sweden, The (Soviet?) Ping Is Gone

By William E. Schmidt New York Tunes Service

STOCKHOLM - After nearly a decade of stalking unseen underwater intruders along their coast, Swedish naval patrols report that the unexplained sonar contacts have stopped in the weeks following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Military and government leaders say the coincidence supports their suspicion that Soviet submarines were responsible for the mysterious activity during much of the 1980s. But General Bengt Gustafsson, the top Swedish military commander.

said that high-ranking Russian naval officers continued to insist that they were not the culprits. General Gustafsson said that officers of the Russian Baltic Sea fleet told a Swedish delegation visiting Moscow last month that Soviet subma-

rines were not involved in exercises inside Swedish territorial waters. In one incident in 1989, a Swedish patrol vessel fired depth charges at a suspected submarine south of Stockholm. The general said that when the Swedish delegation provided details

relating to the 1989 incident, including underwater reconnaissance that See SWEDES, Page 2

Ukrainian military officers getting a nuclear warhead moving Thursday. It was in a container and on its way to Russia for destruction.

# Shamir Ally Rejects U.S. Aid Condition

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamer's chief of staff said Thursday that there was no chance Israel would accept a freeze on new settlement housing in the occu-pied territories as a condition for receiving United States loan guarantees to absorb new

Nonetheless, the official, Yossi Ben-Aharon, expressed optimism that a formula could still be found that would enable Israel to get the assistance it wants even though the Bush administration demands that new Israeh construction be halted in the occupied West

Bank and Gaza Strip. Undoubtedly, Mr. Ben-Aharon said, the Israeli government will have to live with Washington-imposed penalties that would reduce the value of the loan guarantees, but he predicted that aid of some sort would be

Israel hopes to use the U.S. guarantees to obtain favorable interest rates from commercial banks in borrowing \$10 billion over the next five years to help resettle hundreds of thousands of Jewish emigres from the former

"I think it is fair and correct to say that although the United States has a clear-cut policy against settlements, it realizes that this

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tions, Marrack I. Goulding of Brit-

ain, arranged a meeting later in the

day with representatives of about

30 countries that are seen as poten-

The proposed force would be the

first ever deployed by the United

Nations on the European conti-

neat. It has had one on Cyprus

The operation also would be one

of the biggest in UN history, ex-ceeded only by one in Congo in the

early 1960s, which at its height in-

In addition to some 10 infantry

battalions, the new force would in-

clude about 100 military observers.

500 police officers and an unspeci-

fied oumber of civilian support

The outlines of the force were

contained in a UN report pub-

lished in December, which put the

total strength at more than 10,000.

This oumber is expected to be excceded, the UN spokesman said.

with the peacekeeping forces.

Mr. Vance received a new letter

from Mr. Tudiman repeating the

assurances he gave Feb. 6 that he

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government," Mr. Ben-Aharon said in an interview. "You don't challenge a friendly government on an issue that pertains to prin-

And Mr. Shamir, Mr. Ben-Aharon added, would never betray his conviction that Jews have both the right and the duty to build settlements everywhere in territories that he

regards as part of the biblical land of Israel. Even an implicit understanding that there be no housing starts is out of the question,"

Nor is it good enough for Israel to continue to claim title to the territories and simply refrain from putting new settlements without pronouncing a formal freeze, Mr. Ben-

"If you don't build," he said, "you suggest that you've forfeited sovereignty."

Other senior officials here are far gloomier

about reaching an accord, saying that the Shamir government cannot accept the conditions that Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d has put forth in two recent meetings with the Israeli ambassador to Washington, Zal-

administration official as suggesting that Washington opposed new housing not just in the West Bank and Gaza Strip but also in East Jerusalem, which Israel annexed after the 1967 Middle East war.

And before that report, a cabinet member close to Mr. Shamir, Health Minister Ehud Olmert, accused the United States of trying

said he would rather give up the guarantees than agree to a settlement freeze, said this think that Israel's fate hinged on the U.S.

Even optimists acknowledge that the loan guarantees are dead if Washington in effect orders Mr. Shamir to make a choice between

But they are betting, or at least hoping, that the U.S. reservations are tactical. They are also betting that the Bush administration wants to help the immigrants and so will try to find a formula that would allow both sides

# Promise to Baker: Tajikstan Will Curb Exports of Uranium

American security teams how to

rganize a motorcade. Whether Tajikstan has a free

market economy is largely irrele-

vant to U.S. interests, but its weap-

ons-export policies are a concern,

we did discuss, which the president

can arms-control experts to Tajik-stan to advise the republic on how

to set up a system of controls to

prevent the unauthorized export of

Mr. Nabiyev, for his part, said:

As far as the uranium is con-

cerned, I must say the press is ahead of events. Tajikstan has nev-

er sold and will never sell uranium

lics, Tajikstan has the largest per-

Of all the Central Asian repub-

When asked during the news

conference with Mr. Baker about

the mounting involvement of Iran

in Central Asia; Mr. Nabiyev de-

clined to answer. Privately, he

made it clear to the U.S. delegation that neither he nor the predomi-

nantly Russian or Russian-speak-

ing elite of his country find any

appeal in the Islamic fundamental-ist message, but in the hinterlands

Moreover, be said, given the proximity of Iran, his country

needs and wants good relations with Tehran. Balancing all of these

pressures is the tricky act that all of

these Central Asian leaders now

biyev, according to U.S. officials, that the United States understood

his need to maintain good relations

with Iran and Afghanistan, but

that emulating their Islamic funda-

mentalist ideology would be a mis-

All of the Central Asian leaders,

something of a race with time. Un-

less they begin to deliver for their

populations, radical messages,

whether of an Islamic or secular

variety, will begin to have a greater

The United States is increasing

its aid flights to the former Soviet

states to provide more medicine

and supplies to the Muslim republics of Central Asia, The Associated

Press reported from Washington. Ten flights will be added to the 54

already scheduled by the Pentagon, said the White House press secre-

Special emphasis will be placed on high-impact deliveries to Cen-tral Asian states where the demand

for emergency medical relief is es-pecially high," he said.

The flights are carrying excess

pharmaceuticals, bandages and

other medical items from Defense

Aid for the Needy

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will approve measures to give extra

pay in February and March to the most vulnerable people, including underprivileged families and pen-

sioners. Newspaper reports recent-ly have suggested that the elderly

would also get special stipends to help them cope with higher prices. Deputy Prime Minister Gennadi Burbulis told Interfax that four

new measures to protect the poor

Mr. Yeltsin also announced that

he was putting Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi, one of the most outspoken critics of Mr. Yeltsin's

shock therapy, in charge of much-needed, but difficult to accomplish

agriculture reform, an announce-

ment that drew laughter from legis-

The former Soviet leader, Mik-

Rutskoi would be "kept busy" with

his new post.

In his appearance at the parliament, Mr. Yeltsin said that the fail-

ure of his economic reforms would have a negative effect on the whole

would be announced shortly.

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■ 10 Aid Flights Added

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fundamentalist influence.

nuclear-weapons technology.

By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times Service
DUSHANBE, Tajikstan — The
former Soviet republic of Tajikstan agreed Thursday to adopt an American-designed program for re-stricting the sale of weapons components and promised never to sell any of its uranium to countries that could use it to build atomic bombs.

President Rakhmoo Nabiyev made these and other promises to Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d, who flew to the Tajikstan capi-

tal, Dushanbe, on Thursday.

Mr. Baker has been touring the six former Soviet republics with which Washington has not yet established diplomatic relations.

He has been trying to use the carrot of U.S. economic assistance and diplomatic recognition to en-tice the leaders of these republics to commit themselves to a list of principles, including democratic elec-tions, respect for existing borders, protection of minorities and promises not to develop or sell nuclear-

weapons technology.
Judging from his terse remarks to reporters after the talks, Mr. Nahiyev was much more receptive to Mr. Baker's arms control proposals than he was to the secretary's suggestions on democracy and human rights.

How much any of these promises are worth is questionable, particu-larly since they are being made by officials such as Mr. Nabiyev, a former head of the Communist Party in Tajikstan in the mid-1980s, who was brought out of retirement by former Communists to run against an Islamic fundamen-

Mr. Nabiyev won 58 percent of the vote in November. But the Islamic Renaissance Party, which has ties with both neighboring Iran and

Afghanistan, did gather 3g percent. A U.S. official involved in advance arrangements for Mr. Bak-er's visit said the Tajiks could not have been more forthcoming. They said "yes" to every American logistical and scheduling request, but found it difficult to deliver on

many of their commitments.

None of the republics wants to say no to the United States, but their new governments are so inexperienced in affairs of state that they even had to be advised by the

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Maoists Kill 33 Hindus in Bihar State 3

NEW DELHI (Renters) - Maoist extremists killed 33 upper caste Hindus in India's northern Bihar state in apparent retaliation for the killing of 10 "untouchables" there two months ago, Indian news agencies

reported Thursday.

The Press Trust of India said about 1,000 members of the Maoist Communist Center attacked Bara village in Bihar's Gaya district late Communist Center attacked Bara village in Bihar's Gaya district late Wednesday. The agency said the Maoists set 15 houses on fire, rounded we men as they fled and took them to a nearby canal, where they were shot or hacked to death.

## **Italy Probes Explosion in Ferry Fire**

LIVORNO, Italy (Renters) — Explosives may have caused the Italian LIVORNO, Italy (Renters) — Explosives may have caused the Italian ferry sinking that killed 140 people last year, a magistrate said Thursday. Magistrate Luigi De Franco said investigators still had to determine if the explosion was caused by a bomb or a cargo of explosive material the explosion was caused by a bomb or a cargo of explosive material. Nearly all passengers and crew on the Moby Prince burned to death after Nearly all passengers and crew on the Moby Prince burned to death after it rammed an anchored tanker just outside Livorno harbor in April. The ferry canght fire when crude oil gushed over it from the tanker Agip of the accident has not yet been established. and were a focus of Mr. Baker's discussion with Mr. Nabiyev. None of the Central Asian states Mr. Baker is visiting on this tour nuclear weapons. Those that had short-range ouclear missiles deployed on their soil have already had them withdrawn into Rossia. Nevertheless, Tajikstan, as well as neighboring Turkmenistan and

## Thornburgh Said to Accept UN Post

Uzbekistan, are rich in uranium ore. And they have also been visit-WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Attorney General Dick Thomburgh on Thursday accepted an offer to become undersecretary-general for ed by high-ranking Iranian and Libyan delegations. on Inursday accepted an other to become undersecretary-general for administration and management at the United Nations, a source said.

Mr. Thomburgh, 60, met with the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, this week to discuss the job, which puts him in charge of the UN budget and bureaucracy. He had been recommended for the post by President George Bush. The job had been widely expected to go to an American Mr. Nabiyev pointed out to Mr. Baker on Thursday that the first Soviet atomic bomb was made with enriched uranium from his repub-After the meeting, Mr. Baker said: "One of the principles which

Mr. Thornburgh, a former Pennsylvania governor, has been in private law practice since losing a U.S. Senate race in Pennsylvania last fall to Harris Wofford, a Democrat.

## Many Somalian Casualties Reported

agreed, was the principle that we would work together to implement a mechanism for controlling the NAIROBI (AP) — Heavy clan fighting raged in Somalia's capital Thursday despite calls for a cease-fire in multilateral peace talks at the United Nations. export of technology relating to weapons of mass destruction." What Mr. Baker offered specifically was to send a team of Ameri-

"It was a very uncomfortable night," said a relief official in contact with Mogadishu by telephone. "We understand there were very heavy casualties." The official, who asked not to be identified, said forces of General Mohammed Farrah Aidid were trying to capture an airstrip in northern Mogadishu.

The northern part of the divided city is held by General Aidid's rival, President Ali Mahdi Mohammed. General Aidid's forces began pouring heavy mortar fire on Mogadishu's oorthern suburbs on Wednesday. At least 16 people were killed in the first two hours and 126 wounded, a relief official said. The attack began hours before the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, met representatives of the Organization of African Unity, the Islamic Conference and the Arab League to seek a cease-fire,

# China Picks Hong Kong Consultants HONG KONG (AP) — China has selected 40 conservatives from

centage of Muslims, roughly 80 percent, and it shares a long border Hong Kong to advise it on the territory's affairs, a delegate said Thursday, prompting fears that China plans to use the group to control with Afghanistan. Therefore, Mr. Nabiyev must be careful how he deals with the question of Islamic Hong Kong between now and 1997.

A pro-democracy activist criticized the appointments as an attempt by Beijing to strip the territory of any "degree of autonomy" after 1997 when the British colony becomes Chinese territory.

Xu Simin, one of the 40 appointees on the Chinese People's Political

Consultative Committee, said the committee is comprised mainly of business executives, conservative politicians and other pro-China sympa-

#### Beijing Frees Bishop and 2 Priests

BELIING (Reuters) - China has bowed to foreign pressure and freed a Roman Catholic bishop and two priests who have remained loyal to the Vatican in defiance of the government, Western diplomats said Thursday. The clergymen, all members of the pro-Vatican underground church that is outlawed by Beijing, were released on Jan. 28, the diplomats said. James Xie Shiguang, 74, the bishop of Xiapu in Fujian Province, was arrested on July 27, 1990, when police raided a religious discussion meeting at a church in the province, diplomats said. Two other priests, Zhu Rutan and Zheng Xinzong, were arrested at the same time, along with six other participants. The diplomats said that Bishop Xie was now Mr. Baker explained to Mr. Na free to return to his diocese.

#### For the Record

Policemen in Yaoundé, Cameroon, used tear gas and water cannon Thursday to break up a rally of about 1,000 backers of the opposition Alliance for Rectification of Cameroon, witnesses said. The group has said it will boycott parliamentary elections set for March L. (Reiders)

#### Correction U.S. officials say, appear to be in

Due to an editing error, a story and headline in Wednesday's editions misstated the percentage by which the United States cut its quota on textile imports from Taiwan. The correct figure is 3.8 percent.

### TRAVEL UPDATE

Cyprus Airways flights were grounded Thursday when engineers walked off the job over the suspension of two colleagues. Two engineers were suspended after they refused to prepare a plane. (Reuters) Lufthansa Airlines will expand its service to Germany from Miami with twice-weekly nonstop flights to Hamburg beginning April 2. (AP)

#### The Weather



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ter Mr. Vance had asked for clarifi-

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Tudiman. In these the Croatian

leader appeared to criticize some

In the new letter, he reiterated

his earlier acceptance of the plan

and said he favored "successful and

fast completion" of the proposed Yugoslav peace conference. He added that Croatia was "not

But Mr. Tudiman did raise what he described as "a number of tech-

nical questions relating to the nor-

malization of life" in the Serbian-

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oow willing to cooperate with the

United Nations and to presume that these reservations were of only

Officials said Mr. Vance had de-

populated areas of Croatia.

secondary importance.

aspects of the UN plan.

he said. "Anything that can be perceived as a freeze is something that this government cannot live with."

Aharon argued.

man Shoval.

Their pessimism grew after Reuters on Wednesday quoted an unidentified senior

to push Israel back to its pre-1967 borders. Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai, who has week that it was "an absolute absurdity" to

But others were less confident, including Jacob Frenkel, governor of the Bank of Isra-el, who warned of smaller economic growth and higher unemployment if Israel forgoes

assistance and settlements.



(Reuters, AFP, AP, NYT) Croatian residents of Serb-occupied Karlovac, near Zagreb, fleeing their destroyed homes Thursday.

### **CUOMO:** Noncandidate Whistle-Stops on Prime Time

The spokesman said the United Nations had been planning to send slightly more than 13,000 personoci, including military battalions, policemen and support staff. (Continued from page 1) eye of political reporters who left Diplomats said Mr. Vance, a fornearby New Hampshire — and the Democratic candidates vying for their attention — to come hear Mr. mer U.S. secretary of state, decided to push for the rapid deployment after receiving fresh assurances that Mr. Tudjman would cooperate available to most voters in New

chance to act like a candidate with-

took reporters from Albany on the state plane. Accompanied by Boston television crews, he paid a call at City Hall on Mayor Raymond L.

Cuomo reiterated that he had no

Flynn, who recently encouraged plans to join the race and that he faced the same obstacle he faced on Dec. 20, when he said the lack of a

The speech, which attracted 11 television cameras, was broadcast into much of New Hampshire by Cuomo, as well as Boston television
and oewspapers whose reports are
vised live on C-Span.

In an interview on the flight to Boston, Mr. Cuomo even engaged For Mr. Cuomo, who has a re-cord of overshadowing presidential campaigns that be has declined to said his aides had told him that join, the speech seemed to offer the winning 2 percent or 3 percent of best of all political worlds — the the vote in a write-in campaign "would be very high."

The organizers of the New For the first time in months, he Hampshire write-in effort have set

state budget would keep him out of the race. And be said that his failure to discourage the write-in campaign should oot be interpreted as encouragement to his supporters in New Hampshire. When you encourage, you encourage," he said. "What more can I do other than say, 'I'm not run-

ning. New Hampshire??
"I'm not encouraging them, I'm not discouraging them," be added.
"Why should I discourage them? What do you want me to do, win

the arrogance award?"
He also dismissed the notion that his continued presence on the presidential scene might harm the five

announced candidates. "If anyone is beaten, it will oot be by a candidate who never showed up," he said. "It's because they failed to reach the voters. If the other team doesn't show up, it's very hard to claim that they fouled

Officials with the Democratic campaigns characterized Mr. Cuo-mo's speech and his write-in candidacy as a minor annoyance.

#### Limit Britons In Dordogne, Rightist Urges

PARIS - A regional leader of France's far-right National Front party said Thursday that the growing number of British, Dutch and German citizens with homes in rural France should be limited.

Jean-Yves Le Gallou, the party head for the Ile-de-France region, which includes Paris, ooted that thousands of EC oationals had bought country homes in Dordogne and Perigord, forcing French farmers from their land.

"I have oo hatred or zenophobic feelings toward the Dutch, the Anglo-Saxons or even the Saxons," Mr. Le Gallou said. "But come the day when 80 percent of the popu-lation of Dordogne will be English, then it will not quite be Dordogne even if the English there are very amiable."

## SWEDES: (Soviet?) Ping Is Gone

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heirs," be said. Asked to explain the denial by the Russian officers, General Gustafsson said, "A former superpower has a lot of organizations capations capations capations and the second control of the second capations and the second capations capation

ble of such activities."

He did not elaborate, but aides suggested that be might have been referring to military intelligence agencies that worked independently of the Soviet Navy.
General Gustafsson is to deliver

a formal report to the Swedish par-1991 in Swedish coastal waters. The issue has become politically retired Swedish naval officer said in a newspaper interview that the reported sightings were "ghosts on the brain" of military leaders hop-

But military officials insist that showed some sort of undersea ves-sel had been moving along the sea coast. In 1983, NATO intelligence bottom, the Russians agreed that the evidence suggested activity by a the coasts of Sweden and Norway bmarine.

"But they said it was not one of ers." be said.

suggested that the Soviet Navy was involved in an effort to test the effectiveness of Scandinavian de-

Navy was using the area to test small submarines equipped with tracks that enabled them to crawl along the bottom of the sea. The last report of an unex-

plained intruder in Swedish coastal waters came in September, General Gustafsson said. He said that the hiament later this month on suspected submarine activity during ship east of the island of Gotland, in the Baltie Sea, but that it was The issue has become politically unable to pinpoint an exact target charged over the last month after a and that no attack was mounted. For several years, the Swedes have operated on a "shoot first, ask questions later" policy whenever they encountered what they being to wring additional defense money from the parliament. heved to be foreign intrusions in

decide," he said. He said he gave his support to

Mr. Miyazawa in November, after the collapse of the government of Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, because Mr. Miyazawa had earned it by getting support in public. lo returo for backing Mr.

Miyazawa, Mr. Kanemaru, it is But he made clear that he was said, retains a free hand in the running of the Japanese political pa-

ally every major industry in Japan, there were endless demands to curb hail S. Gorbachev, similarly banthe flow of money into politics. Mr. ished his chief rival several years ago to an agriculture post and Mr. Yeltsin said Thursday that Mr.

forced to do immoral things. That to reform." But he made clear that he was

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After the recurrent eruption of practice of accepting huge contributions from business groups in political scandals in recent years, butions from business groups in scandals in which money-for-fa- return for support of general poli-

#### TIES: 'Godfather' Defends U.S. (Continued from page 1)

at his sufferance. "Whether I am powerful or not is oot for me to

vors schemes proliferated in virtu- cies that favor the donors.

Kanemaru said he was skeptical.
"You know, politics needs money," he said. "And politics is expensive. That will not change. So Japa-oese politicians are sometimes is the worst thing about Japanese politics. That is something we have

world, a point which was made clear to Western leaders during Mr. Yeltsin's recent trips abroad. "Our position, that reform in Russia is not only a domestic mat-

#### ter of our own but also a weighty component in the construction of a new world order, was widely recognized " he said.

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Nuclear Program in Iran

Is Peaceful, Agency Finds

TEHRAN - At the end of a weeklong mission, officials from the

International Atomic Energy Agency said that based on their findings, Iran's nuclear activity and ability were entirely for peaceful

John Jennekens, deputy to the secretary-general of the United

Nations agency, said in a news conference here Wednesday that

"nothing we have seen proves that there is any activity here against

the peaceful principles of nuclear policy."

Mr. Jennekens, who described his mission as a "multipurpose

visit" after Iran's "open-door invitation," did not rule out the

possibility of an inspection as a follow-up visit. He said the group

had been "offered every assistance and ready access" to Iranian

rule, we have confined our nuclear activities within the framework of

the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. We shall continue to do so. As far as nuclear matters are concerned, Iran has been compelled to

establish the fact that all allegations leveled against its nuclear

Last fall, a number of reports indicated that Iran was seeking

nuclear-weapons technology from a variety of countries, including China, and that it might already be in the final stages of developing

Iran's Atomic Energy Organization said in a news release: "As a

officials, research centers and staff members.

activity are without foundation.

A Damaging Anti-War Letter, a Dazed Campaign: Clinton Goes Into a Tailspin By Robin Toner
New York Times Service
MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Governor Bill Even as Mr. Clinton and his advisers sought to mini-mize the damage and redirect attention to the "motives of the people who leaked this letter," the campaign's Cimton of Arkansas desperately needed to make New Hampshire voters think about his message this week, not dilemma was clear. He wanted to be talking about economic recovery, educational improvement and tax about him. Instead, in a devastating piece of political timing, the spotlight is now fixed on a letter he wrote in 1969, thanking his ROTC officer for "saving" him from cuts for the middle class before Tuesday's primary. Instead, he was forced in talk about the choices he made in one of the most divisive, painful periods in

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American history. Even on the question of the source of the letter, ABC said it was provided by a person in the ROTC command and not the Pentagoo as Mr. Clinton

And while he said the letter buttressed his argument that he had done nothing wrong, the sentiments voiced in it are likely lo stir old angers among many voters, particularly in the South, where military service is held in

"It's not helpful, that's for damn sure," said Al La-

In New Hampshire, former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts, who is running strongly in some public opinion polls, seems likely to benefit from the furor. Analysis say Mr. Tsongas, well known in the state because of months of campaigning and his status as a neighbor, has become a "safe harbor" for many voters.

This could also be an opening for Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, who highlighted his war record last week when the charge that Mr. Clinton tried to avoid the draft first appeared, and was denied, by the Arkansas governor. Mr. Kerrey, a former member of the navy's clite Seals, won the Medal of Honor in Vietnam and lost part

Neither the Tsongas nor the Kerrey campaign had much public comment on the Clinina letter, although Paul Johnson, Mr. Kerrey's New Hampshire director, offered an understated but telling comment: "It's Bill Clinton's issue, not ours; we're going in focus on our issues — a tax cut for the middle class, health care and

Pierre, executive director of the Alabama Democratic the economy - and let Bill Clinton deal with Bill successful Democratic presidential contender - has

Senator Tom Harkin of lowa, campaigning in Maine, was not as gentle when asked about the report. "Jeez. another one," he said. "I think voters should be con-cerned about his veracity and character. Listen, if someone wanted to serve in the military at that time, they could have served."

Questions about Mr. Clinton's military record, some analysis said, seem to be forming a potent combination with earlier reports in The Star tabloid that he had a 12year affair with a singer. Mr. Clinton has denied that

Gerry Chervinsky, a Boston poll taker conducting nightly surveys here for The Boston Globe and WBZ-TV, said, "The Vietnam question has allowed people who didn't want to admit they had problems with his personal life to move away from him -or at least take a

His aura of electability - as a moderate Southerner, like Jummy Carter, the nominee 16 years ago and the last

And the letter, with its strong and angry language and its assertions that the government was forcing its citizens to serve in an immoral war, will only feed the doubts of those Democrats who were already wondering how the charges of infidelity would affect the voters in a general

Geoffrey Garin, a Democratic poll taker, said Wednesday night, "Part of the problem is, Clinton will be judged out of a historical context by an awful lot of people; the voters aren't historians, and a lot of them will be thinking about this issue as much in the context of the

war in the Persian Gulf as the war in Vietnam." The Clinton campaign vowed to fight back. Allies from the conservative wing of the party, like Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia and Representative Dave McCurdy of Oklahoma, issued statements in his defense.

However, this latest furor is only likely to stir the speculation in the party that another candidate, such as Governor Mario M. Cuomo of New York, could enter

# **U.S. Could Push** Libyans Too Far, Diplomats Warn

Many of his allies hailed the letter as the powerful

with hard issues and trying "to prepare myself for a

political life" that, in the language of the times, worked within the system but sought to change it.

But there were basic political realities: The letter

further rattles a candidacy already shaken by accusa-tions from a supermarket tabloid of manual infidelity; it

creates new openings for his rivals in New Hampshire,

and it poses new problems in his Southern base long considered his political firewall. Many professionals

were hard put to see how he could regain control.

sion of a man who, even at age 23, was wrestling

By Caryle Murphy

ton Post Service TRIPOLI, Libya — The U.S. policy of isolating and pressuring Libya, particularly its demand that two intelligence agents be surren-dered to stand trial for the 1988 bombing of a Pan American airliner, has succeeded in diminishing the Libyan government's support for international terrorism, according to diplomats here.

But further pressure, specifically economic sanctions, is unlikely in result in the delivery of the two suspects, they said, partly because of the political harm it could cause for the Libyan leader, Colonel Moanmar Gadhafi, including the possibility of disclosures that he or people close to him were involved in planning the bombing.
The diplomats said they feared

that the ultimate, but unstated, aim of U.S. and British policy, which seems in be the toppling of Colonel Gadhafi, could lead to increased instability in North Africa, where Islamic fundamentalists already pose major threats to several secular governments.

In their view, Colonel Gadhafi's well-known aversion to Islamic fundamentalists, whom he has brutally suppressed in his own country, is a barrier to the spread of militant Islam in the region.

"If you destabilize Libya, you destabilize North Africa," a diplo-One of the few positive things that can be said about Colonel

Gadhafi, he added, "is that he is a bulwark against the Islamists because they are the only force which could be dangerous to his rule." To Libya's west, Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria are engaged in

a standoff with the army after the military canceled their sweeping gains in the December election. To the south, the fundamentalist government of Sudan, which recently strengthened its ties to Iran, is said to be covertly aiding Islamic move-

ments in Morocco and Tunisia. With no clear successor, many diplomats fear that Colonel Gadhafi's departure from power could lead to turmoil in Libya, where tribal rivalries are strong and popular political participation has been stunted during the leader's 22-year

Implicit in the diplomats' assessment of U.S. policy is the sugges-tion that the United States should negotiate with Colonel Gadhafi over the Pan Am bombing and other issues, including his support for terrorism and his chemical- and nu-

clear-weapons programs.

We think the question here is how can you assure stability in North Africa, and stability needs certain negotiation," another dip-

So far, the U.S. policy of pressure and isolation has borne fruit, the diplomats said. They noted that Colonel Gadhafi had condemned terrorism, had not tried to subvert the U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace process and had invited international inspection of his nucle ar facilities — an offer some diplo-mats said should be accepted in test Colonel Gadhafi's goodwill.

In addition, the Libyans have apparently halted support for some terrorist groups. Some bases of the Palestinian terrorist Abn Nidal, for example, are said in have been

By all accounts, Colonel Gadha-

It also was deeply dismayed by the international consensus at the United Nations last month, when the Security Council endorsed U.S. and British demands that Libya surrender the two alleged perpetra-tors of the Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270

But Colonel Gadhafi shows no sign yet of surrendering the two suspects, a move that could undermine him in several ways, diplomats said. One of the two, Abdel Basset Ali Megrahi, is said to belong to the same tribe as Colonel Gadhafi's longtime No. 2 man, Abdel Salam Jalloud. Delivering Mr. Megrahi to Washington could alienate an important section of the population

The purported status of Mr. Meahi and the other accused, Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, as intelligence agents is another pitfall for Colonel Gadhafi, whose rule is underpinned by his security organiza-

"How can they be devoted to Gadhafi if they consider it's possihle in be delivered by him?" a dip-

Also, if the two suspects were delivered to Western authorities, many observers predict, they would be questioned about the involvement of others in the bombing. This could result in further indictments of higher Libyan officials.

The government has substantially increased imports of food and spare parts over the past few months, apparently in preparation for possible sanctions, such as an air or economic embargo. In what some diplomats consider

an ominous development non-Arab residents of Libya have not been permitted to leave the country by its borders with Tunisia and Egypt since Jan. 1. If they want to leave, they must do so by plane, which would become impossible if an air embargo were imposed.



Mark I Terrill/The Associated Pres

END OF THE ROAD - Motorists being halted by flooding on a freeway in Ventura, California. Days of rain in Southern California have flooded large areas of the state and left at least five people dead. More heavy rains are predicted. An emergency has been declared in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, freeing state employees and equipment to help in the relief work.

## **Bush Dismisses NASA Chief**

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#### Insiders Say Quayle Wanted the Shuttle Advocate to Go

By Kathy Sawyer Washington Pass Service

WASHINGTON - President George Bush has dismissed the NASA administrator, Richard H. Truly, a former astronaut, apparently at the recommendation of Vice President Dan Quayle and others in the White House.

"I'm floored," Admiral Truly said. "I can't explain it. It was not my idea." The 54-year-old retired vice ad-

miral played a major role in the return of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to shuttie flights when be was named head of the program following the 1986 Challenger accident. Since taking over as administra-tor in 1950, he has seen the agency

through some of its roughest batties and has had a feud with the National Space Council, which advises the president on policy and which Mr. Quavle leads. Insiders said that the decision to

ask for Admiral Truly's resigna-tion was reached when Mr. Bush and the new White House chief of staff, Samuel K. Skinner, joined Mr. Quayle in a realization that, as

of the shurtle. The president's long-term plan for space exploration calls for development of a system of more efficient launching vehi-

The vice president's spokesman, David Beckwith, said of the dismissal, "I've got nothing to say,"
An administration official rejected the notion that dismissing Admiral Truly served some political need now. The politic thing to

tion to the space program now, and there was no pressing need to make changes because of politics." Industry insiders say the space council has given the impression that it wants a NASA chief who, as one put it, "will call reveille

every morning and and ask" NASA employees, "What did you do for George Bush today?" Admiral Truly has been viewed

have done would be to wait and fire

him later. No one is paying atten-

an administration official put it, by many in the administration, and "Truly wasn't doing the president also some in the aerospace commuany good," either politically or in mity, as too much a creature of the terms of furthering Mr. Bush's NASA culture, particularly of the space policy goals. He will leave astronaut corps. "It was felt," an official said, "that he was captive of A major point of difference was his bureaucracy and incapable of Admiral Truly's persistent support making the changes, the reforms,

the administration wanted. The tenure of Admiral Truly also coincided with a series of technical and public relations problems that upset the White House, including the discovery of a 10-year-old flaw built into the main lens of the Hubble Space Telescope, a series of leaks and other problems that delayed launchings and a stuck an-tenna aboard the robot craft Gali-

leo, bound for Jupiter. Admiral Truly, who has super-vised 20 successful shuttle flights since the post-Challenger return to flight, was informed of the decision a week ago, he said. On Monday he wrote a letter of resignation to the president expressing "deepest regret" about leaving. Mr. Bush re-sponded in a formal letter Wednesday with praise for Admiral Truly's "37 years of dedicated publie service and the significant contribudons you have made."

# Early AIDS Therapy Is Questioned

treatments become available.

By Robert Steinbrook Los Angeles Times Service
LOS ANGELES — Starting reatment with the drug AZT early in the course of infection delays the development of AIDS in many HIV-infected patients but does not increase life span any more than starting the drug after symptoms

worsen, according to a national re-The findings, which were published in Thursday's edidon of the New England Journal of Medicine, amount to a dissent from the conventional recommendation that all

individuals infected with the human immunodeficiency virus receive AZT as soon as they have laboratory evidence of significant immune system problems.

The results are likely to disappoint many HIV-infected individproblems. Only patients with HIV sympuals, who have counted on AZT to prolong their lives until better toms were included in the study.

For "long-term clinical benefits as measured by survival, there is no difference in those treated early versus those treated later," said Dr. John D. Hamilton of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, the principal anthor of the study. "We wish this result was not the case, but it is."

Moreover, while the study did support previous findings that full-blown AIDS. it found that

sicker and have more AIDS-related

But the researchers said it was likely that their findings applied to asymptomatic individuals as well. The new study differs from prior trials of the early use of AZT in that il measured overall survival, not just the time to the development of AIDS. Those prior studies support-

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VA Medical Centers. The researchseems to delay the onset of ers followed 338 HIV-infected padents. The patients were randomly once they developed AIDS, the ear- assigned to early AZT therapy or ly-therapy padents tended to be late treatment.

# Tape Was Doctored, Arafat Says, But He Gives No Specifics

GENEVA - Yasser Arafat said Thursday that a tape of a telephone conversation in which he allegedly slandered Jews was "fabricated."

The controversy over his alleged remarks that Jews were "dogs" and "dirt" overshadowed a long address in the UN Human

Earlier this week, CNN said it had obtained a tape of the purported Jan. 30 conversation between Mr. Arafat and the Palestine Liberation Organization's

representative in Paris, Ibrahim Souss. Mr. Arafat reportedly was angry over France's treatment of Georges Habash, lead-er of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine who had sought medical treatment

He allegedly saved his strongest language for the Jews, prompting a storm of protest. Mr. Arafat faced repeated journalists'

questions about the authenticity of the tape. "This is a dubbed tape," he said through

But then, he qualified this by saying, secret service, Mossad, who put together the tape, using parts of real conversation mixed with fictitious material. And a PLO spokes-There are sections of the tape that have

Mr. Arafat declined in be drawn on which parts of the tape, if any, were genuine. He acknowledged that he had spokeo with Mr. Souss in Paris by saying that his phone conversation had been bugged by unnamed

He said the French government "where there are certain bodies that have bugged communication lines," should find out who was responsible for the phone tapping. In Paris, Mr. Souss said it was the Israeli man at its headquarters in Tunis accused the Israelis of trying ut torpedo the peace pro-

Initially on Wednesday, Mr. Souss denied that the conversation took place. He later clarified this by saving that there was no discussion matching the CNN recording. Mr. Arafat said the affair had not dam-

aged relations with the French government. He praised Paris for its support of the Pales-

# Aristide Sees U.S. Abandoning Haiti

Exiled Ruler Assails Repatriations and Softer Embargo said that those who had been fore- said he still believed that he would By Douglas Farah

Washington Past Service
CARACAS — The deposed president of Haiti, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, has accused some in the Bush administration of abandoning the fight against Haiti's military-dominated rule by easing the trade embargo, and be denounced the U.S. policy

In an interview here, Father Aristide, a Roman Catholic priest,

ibly repatriated were being arrested, beaten and tortured in Haiti because of the policy of U.S. "dis-

About 12,000 Haitians setting out for the United States have been intercepted by the U.S. Coast Guard and held at the U.S. naval base at Guantánamo, Cuba. They of forced repatriation of his counare being repatriated following the resolution of a legal challenge in The U.S. government has said

> Port-au-Prince had produced no evidence of Haitians being persecuted after their return. While Father Aristide showed impatience with his continuing exile since the Sept. 30 coup and an-

ger at softening of the embargo, be

## **Seoul Goes Slow** On Reconciliation

Agence France-Presse

SEOUL — Prime Minister Chung Won Shik moved Thursday to calm U.S. concerns that Seoul was rushing its reconciliation with North Korea, saying a meeting of two nations' leaders was not yet on the agenda. Mr. Chung's spokesman said he

told a cabinet meeting Thursday that a meeting between President Roh Tae Woo and the North Korean leader, Kim Il Sung, would not take place until several issues were resolved, including mutual inspections of both countries' nuclear in-

terum as president of Hairi. He also said he still believed that President George Bush supported At the same time, however, be

said that some members of the ad-

ministration were undermining the president's policy and that the United States as well as the Organization of American States must enact a complete economic embargo if democratic rule is restored in that follow-up investigations in After the coup, the U.S. govern-ment encouraged the imposition of

the OAS embargo, which prohibits all but humanitarian trade with Haiti. Last week, however, it moved to restore U.S. commerce with Haitian factories where lowwage workers assemble goods for U.S. companies. Bernard Aronson, U.S. assistant

secretary of state for Latin America, this week defended the move to ease the embargo by saying it was intended to save a long-term effort to create jobs in Hairi "We consider this a humanitar-

ian exception," he said at a meeting at Georgetown University. Father Aristide said the U.S. decision had sent a message to the Haitian military that it no longer needed to negotiate the return of the deposed government.

negotiations because they got what they wanted to get." Father Aristide, offered refuge by Venezuela after the coup, is living on the grounds of the Military

"It was a feast for the criminals."

he said. "They are happy and they

have said so. They now say no more



U.S. Coast Guard member giving a young Haitian a lift to shore in Port-au-Prince as the repatriation of the refusees continued.

## U.S. Offers Its Capital For Next Mideast Talks

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The United States has proposed that the third round of bilateral Middle East peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbors be held here beginning Feb. 24, but the parties have not responded, according to the State Department. Diplomatic sources said the principal difficulty involves Israel's desire to move the talks in the Middle East or, failing that, to

to 10 working days of talks in Washington but wants a commitme from its negotiating partners that the fourth round will be held closer to the Middle East. The first two bilateral rounds, which took place here, paired Israel in separate sets of talks with Syria, Lebanon and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. Israel is pursuing Arab recognition while Syria is seeking to regain the Golan Heights captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, and the Palestinians hope to work out a

Western Europe. The sources said Israel has indicated it would agree

system of interim self-government for the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. In arguing for a negotiating site closer in the Mideast, the Israelis note that their principal negotiaturs hold important posts in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government and that the need to spend prolonged periods in Washington is making it increasingly difficult to perform their normal tasks properly.

## Sailor and 2 Attackers Die In Islamic Raid in Algiers

ALGIERS - A sailor in the Al- Front. The move is pending. gerian Navy and two of his assailants were killed Thursday in new attacks by Muslim fundamentalists on security forces.

a group of so-called Afghans fundamentalists who fought in the month ago, but military command-Afghan civil war - took place at ers forced President Chadli Bendje dawn Thursday at a guard post near the port of Algiers. Two policemen were wounded in the clash, as were two of the assail-

The state radio said the attack by

ants, who were captured, the radio said. It said the attack was led by an Afghan commander, Hanni Mourad, 31, who was killed. The attack was carried out as security forces prepared for possi-

hic unrest Friday, when fundamentalists plan to defy a ban and stage a protest march in Algiers. Supporters of the Islamic Salvation Front, which the government is seeking to dissolve, spread word

emergency Sunday and said it War adversaries.

was initiating legal steps to ban the

Since the emergency decree, nine policemen have been killed in attacks that have been attributed to

fundamentalists. The Front was oo the verge of winning control of parliament a did to resign, canceled the second round of voting and began a widespread crackdown on the funda-

#### **NATO** and Easterners To Meet on Security

mentalists.

Agence France-Presse BRUSSELS — Foreign minis-

ters from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and 19 East European countries will meet here on March 10, NATO said Thursday, A NATO spokesman said the

that the protest march in Algiers would go ahead after Friday's ministers would discuss plans for weekly prayers, despite a ban on security cooperation in the second meeting of an East-West North At-The military-backed ruling State lantic Cooperation Council that Council imposed a 12-month state brings together the former Cold

# Herald Tribune.

# Leverage Against Saddam

sein still struts. Millions of Iraqi Kurds, Shiites and Sunnis grow restless in the grip of hunger and high prices. The beaten Iraqi
Army ponders its loyalities and its own best
interests. Can't something decisive be done?
President George Bush, like many Amer-

icans, longs impatiently for such a resolution. Late last year he authorized the CIA to foment internal military action against Sad-dam Hussein and asked the Pentagon to plan military moves in support of any revolt. But a forced resolution, however consummately wished, bears greater dangers than benefits. Given the present constellation of political forces in Iraq, American military intervention makes no sense. The most reliable and effective lever for prying the dictator off his perch remains the international economie embargo.

One obvious way to try formenting upheaval involves cliques, sects and rebels, no-tably the Kurds and Shiites who took up arms against Baghdad last year. Mr. Bush encouraged them — only to stand by and permit their defeat at a time that U.S. forces could have kept Iraqi aircraft out of the skies. But even if America could now help such rebels succeed, it would only trade one difficulty for another, more dangerous, Kurdish guerrillas and Shiite devotees of Iran-like theocracy are impressive fighters -- but not for democracy. And even if opposition movements could agree long enough to start a coalition, they would have a hard time holding Iraq together. Today's standoff, admittedly frustrating might well degenerate into regional war as Turkey, Syria and

A year after the Gulf War, Saddam Hus-ein still struts. Millions of Iraqi Kurds, hiites and Sunnis grow restless in the grip of this way, why not turn instead to secular democratic opponents of the regime? Because there are not very many of them. They deserve maximum encouragement and dip-lomatic support. They may have a significant role to play in a future Iraq. But there is no practical way to install them except at gun-point — and to do that would risk turning

true democrats into powerless puppets.

The third way to intervene would be to try inciting rebellion within the Iraqi Army.

Other Iraqi commanders, even if they turned out to be just as dictatorial as Saddam Hussein, might nonetheless prove more amena-ble to the expectations and norms of the outside world. Then again, they might not. The history of CIA-sponsored military coups

That leaves one other approach — international embargo. It is a slow, unglamorous method. But for certain ends, sanctions work well. Under the present embargo, Iraq can no longer shop the world for arms. It no longer poses immediate danger to its neighbors. Baghdad callously spurns all UN of-fers of humanitarian relief; even so, it pays

the price in growing popular discontent.

The United States has honorable reason. to encourage Iraqis, from the sidelines, to rid themselves of Saddam Hussein. And America has a special interest in encouraging Iraqi democrats to prepare for a larger political role. But there is no reason to risk turning frustration into disaster. Push Saddam Hussein - with sanctions.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## The 1992 Tax-Cut Derby

Bush said in his State of the Union address, and now we know what he meant. It was not the recession he was talking about but his program for combating the recession. That has now been revised — or perhaps it has merely been made much clearer than before that the president wants the capital gains and other tax cuts he most cares about to be given up front, in a bill all by themselves. A second bill to pay for them - and, incidentally, to give the tax cut the Democrats most care about - would come later.

The first bill is what the president wants done by March 20. But what incentive would he and his supporters then have to push the second? "I've seen that two-bill strategy tried before," said the Senate Finance Committee chairman, Lloyd Bentsen, "and my experience is you never see the second bill." The president said in his address and budget that any tax cut would have to be paid for; there would be no straying from the 1950 budget agreement on his part. To pay for it, the administration first understated the cost. Then it proposed some benefit cuts, including in Medicare; some minor offsetting tax increases, and an accounting change to give present credit for some proposed reductions in future federal deposit and insurance risks.

But the real proposal seems to be to go with the understated costs and the accounting device and bag the rest. The president himself told reporters this week that the upfront package was "fully paid for without raising taxes" and wondered aloud how "people," meaning Democrats, "can talk

about stimulating the economy and then raising taxes in the same breath."

So there you have entry No. 1 in the election year tax-cut derby. Now the Democrats are fashioning their supposedly more responsible entry No. 2. They are no more inclined than most congressional Republi-cans to cut Medicare this year. Nor does at least the House Democratic leadership want to take the president up on his offer, if other means fail, to dissipate the supposed defense dividend on a tax cut (and thereby guarantee the continued underfunding of domestic programs). How, then, will the Democrats fund their tax cut — and what will it consist of? They want, much more than the president, to give a cut to the middle class, and they rightly object that his capital gains cut would favor the rich. But they are also inclined, if only defensively, to do something on capital gains and to provide some of the other investment incentives the president proposes.

The party line is that they will pay for their bill by raising - they would say restoring — the top income tax rate on the rich, compensating not just for the likely effect of a gains cut but for some part of the progressivity that the tax structure lost in the 1980s. The question is whether they have the votes for such a rate increase in both houses, and even if they do, how the veto game plays out. Yes, there is a \$400 billion deficit in prospect and, yes, there is also a vast social deficit to be reduced, but never fear, derby fans. This is an election year. They're in the starting gate. They're off! —THE WASHINGTON POST.

# Now Speak Up to China

President George Bush, having encouraged China's hard-liners last month by meeting with Prime Minister Li Peng in New York, could now redress the balance: Appeal for the immediate release of Chen Ziming and Wang Juntao. Li Peng himself is said to have called these two imprisoned democrats the "old tigers of four dynasties." They have participated in all four of the pro-democracy movements in China since the close of the Maoist era. A year ago this week, Mr. Chen and Mr. Wang drew grotesque 13-year prison terms for their role in the 1989 Beijing protests. Washington argues that isolating China will not help democrats there. Yes, but if maintaining official contact has value, it should allow troubling issues to be raised.

Mr. Chen is an economist. Mr. Wang, dangerously ill and denied proper medical treatment, is a journalist. Together they created institutions like the Beijing Social and Economie Sciences Research Institute that enabled China's democracy movement to transcend street protest. The two men linked generations, students and society, reformers inside the system and radical democrats outside. They represent China's best hope for democratic modernization without breakdown and violence. Untold thousands suffer in the Chinese gulag. Most of their names remain unknown in the West. All the more reason for America to urge freedom for Chen Ziming and Wang Juntao.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# A Rape and Nothing Else

One view being heard in the postmortem examination of Mike Tyson's rape conviction makes it sound as if the Indianapolis jury was sitting in judgment on rich and famous African-American males or the sexual lifestyle of professional athletes. Mike Tyson's trial had nothing to do with race, or his humble origins or the declining fortunes of a boxing hero. The eight-man, fourwoman jury was charged with sifting through several days of testimony presented by 49 witnesses and deciding whether Mr. Tyson in fact raped a teenage beauty contestant as charged by the state. They decided he did. So on March 6, it is Mike Tyson, and Mike Tyson alone, who returns

to court for sentencing.
Set aside his celebrity status, and Mike Tyson is one more man convicted of committing a sickeningly commonplace offense. Every six minutes, says the U.S. Department of Justice, a woman is raped in America. The fighter's defense — that the chose to ignore a woman's right to call victim was somehow culpable, that she consented but then changed her mind after the

act - is also common in cases where the accused and the victim are acquainted. What makes this trial loom large, however, is not her status as a Miss Black America contestant or the heavyweight crown he once wore. It is the Mike Tyson who was presented to the jury. If in the public's mind, Mike Tyson is a sexual predator who lacks fundamental respect for women or himself, it is precisely because of the way he has behaved and nothing else.

The somewhat sympathetic portrait now being painted of Mike Tyson as "an undereducated, financially unsophisticated gladiator who frittered away much of his earnings on high living, legal entanglements and fees to managers and promoters," as carried in one story [IHT, Feb. 13] may be accurate. But it does not go far enough. There is no warrant in law or custom that gave Mike Tyson the prerogative of forcing himself a stop to his assault.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

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# On Democracy, the New Target of Choice

PARIS — Although communism is dead or dying, its defeat seems to be leading not to democracy but to volcanic nationalism with all its

fallout: fragmentation, disorder, even chaos.

Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," which resounded so radiantly in a reunited Berlin two years ago, seems to have given way to the somber accents of a Wagnerian "Götterdämmerung." From Europe to Asia, from Africa to the Middle East, democracy itself is under attack. The accents is coming from itself is under attack. The assault is coming from those who have achieved prosperity without it, and from those fighting for economic survival who consider it an unaffordable luxury.

Some of the more interesting criticism of democracy comes from Asia. Successful Asians see their economic miracle as relying on two principles: an open market economy and a good educational system. Democracy is not on the list. Westerners who call for accelerating the pace of

democratization around the world are often denounced as latter-day imperialists.

Asians say that their cultures must be allowed to change at their own rhythms, and that Western individualistic values cannot be imposed on societ-

ies with delicate equilibriums. The Asian way to democracy has little to do with the Western way, and Western pressure is resisted as a subtle attempt to slow the economic boom of the region. Indeed, some Asians, proud of their economic achievements, are ready to reverse the flow of ideas and models - making Asia the way

of the future, not the West. It is a refrain now frequently heard from Asians: Solve your economic problems, restore your com-petitivity and revive your work ethic before

WASHINGTON — The issue

W in New Hampshire next week is not whether Bill Chinton avoided

the draft but whether Mario Cuomo

New Hampshire to find out how the

write-in campaign was going, and wound up speaking to a clerk in Cuomo Appliances in Manchester who complained that his phone was

ringing off the hook.
Such evidence of a groundswell was more reliable than that likely to

be given out by draft-Cuomo cam-paign officials flooding the state with write-in pencils.

So I called Cuomo non-campaign

headquarters in Albany, New York, where the chairman of Pitch & Mo-

ment Enterprises himself was put-

ting his final touches on a speech about welfare to Harvard's John F.

Was it mere happenstance that

Mario Cuomo was making a major

speech in Boston, to he carried on

stations in nearby New Hampshire

on the eve of its primary?
"You guys with the elever extrap-

olations," he said cheerfully. He assured me that the talk had been

vented. But he must have known

Senate term and seemed a cinch to duplicate that

feat when be entered the Democratic presidential

race in May. Now, though, he shimmers with

momentum, the steroid of politics; and with it he

could get the kick to make him the winner in New

Hampshire's Democratic primary on Tuesday.

The arrival of momentum is always a remarkable event, inexplicable really, something like chemistry in love; but it does not, of course, come

out of nowhere. Mr. Tsongas has been campaign-

ing for almost a year. He has written a thoughtful

pamphlet, 86 pages, setting ont what he thinks

about almost everything. He was the senator from

just over the Massachusetts border and so he was

not a total unknown in New Hampshire. Still,

when you add all that up, it does not explain what has happened to Mr. Tsongas.

Part of what accounts for his surge (he is now even with Bill Clinton in some polls) is what you might call the head-nodding factor. I sat and listened to Mr. Tsongas deliver a speech for

listened to Mr. Tsongas deliver a speech for

employees of an insurance company and then take questions, and most of the time I found

myself in agreement. That is not to say that I

think he is right on every issue (not on supporting capital punishment, certainly). But what you do not get from him are those pandering phrases that hit the ear like chalk screeching down a

Kennedy School of Government,

l called Cnomo headquarters in

can induce one.

Between Dock and Boat.

Here Stands Mario Cuomo

By William Safire

why l was calling: to entrap him into a foreign-affairs position that could later be used against him.

the president to do about the grow-

ing on right now," he started to de-mur, but then plunged in: "You should take the path you've estab-lished here. Last time, you were able

to marshal forces, in a heroic way, through the usually disdained UN.

Now you have to stay with it. The

UN resolutions have to be imple-

mented, so put pressure on at the UN to implement them. What would you do, Bill, drop a bomb on him?"

I allowed as how that might one day prove prudent, and asked the

vernor what he would suggest to

"I'd have to sit down with Jim

Baker and others," he said, growing

cantious. "Pd say. I want to get it right this time, Colin Powell, no ambiguity this time around."

Speaking of ambiguity, what about the Cuomo position on his

"I could have called my guys in and told them: 'Look, I want no

fingerpriats, but take care of these people, give them money!' But I

draft movement?

make UN pressure meaningful.

ing threat from Saddam Hussein's

What would the governor advise

This is not something I'm work-

By Dominique Moïsi

preaching to us about democracy. For some Chinese, proud of the economic takeoff of their Southern region, enlightened Confucian despotism seems a better way to prosperity and stability than laxist democratic individualism.

If one moves from the newly rich countries to the newly pauperized, from Asia to the former Soviet Union, one finds similar attacks on democracy, both as an unaffordable luxury — what is needed, one hears sometimes, is order so that the economy can function - and as alien to local culture.

In today's Russia, the difficulties of moving away from communism are leading to anti-demo-cratic and anti-capitalist reactions. In some circles, albeit narrow ones, "Holy Russia" is evoked as the only alternative to Marxist ideology. The old quar-rel between Westernizers and Slavophiles is not dead. The West and its democratic ways are reject-

dead. The West and its democratic ways are rejected for their lack of spiritual values and their allegedly non-Russian character.

Many Russians say their new state needs Western aid, not a Western model. The Asian authoritarian path to prosperity is considered more appropriate. But where are the Lee Kuan Yews of Russia?

Democracy is also denounced for what it can lead to: a dictatorship of the ignorant masses, or in the name of the masses. From Georgia, where a demo-cratically elected leader revealed himself to be a brutal heir to Stalin, to Algeria, where elections led to the victory of Muslim fundamentalists (one could almost hear the relief in the voices of many Western democrats when that result was overturned by the

THUGE

The Christian Science Mountes

Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

didn't. All my people here have

been importuned to meet Phil Kro-

ne, who's running the draft movement in Chicago, but they haven't."

But didn't be give a positive sig-nal to the draftees by torpedoing

Bill Clinton on "Larry King Live"

say that attacks Clinton."

sold by a woman scorned.

it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Then Came Tsongas, the Volkswagen of This Race

DOVER, New Hampshire—I have seen the future—and it's not pretty.

It is Paul Tsongas, the puffy-faced, balding, non-charismatic former senator who made almost no impression on Washington in his one blackboard—the spine-shivering sound of yet another fool telling the American people what the spine-shive in the spine-

he thinks they want to hear.
In fact, Mr. Tsongas has become the Volks-

wagen of this campaign — the so-called Beetle of old which was valued for its no-nonsense quali-

old which was valued for its no-housense quan-ties. He is the guy whose one overriding promise is to promise nothing — no middle-class tax cut, to begin with. He is the guy who whacks the Republicans and the last two presidents for a

mindless economic policy but who does not spare

the Democrats, either. ("Democrats love em-

ployment. It's employers they can't stand.")

He is the guy who talks of the immorality of a

national debt that will burden the next genera-tion of Americans (a warning from Walter Mon-

dale that Ronald Reagan just brushed aside in

1984), and who over and over cites his experience

as a businessman. ("I live in this world and I'm familiar with this stuff.")

Just as the success of the early Volkswagen

was a reaction to the chrome monsters that

Detroit was making, Mr. Tsongas has emerged

That is a shame. Accusations of womanizing

and charges that be finagled his way out of the Vietnam War draft have exacerbated Mr. Clin-

ton's pretty-boy image.
Paul Tsongas seems the antidote; but as Mr.

Tsongas himself will concede, the Arkansas gov-

as sort of the anti-Clinton.

"Tell me what you ever heard me

Three times did Mr. Cuomo be-

rate the Arkansas governor for an

anti-Italian slur on a tape recording

"Cinton apologized for that on a tentative basis," Mr. Cuomo said. "When you have one foot on the

dock and one foot on the boat, you

wind up with your tush in the water."

As a collector of folksy political

profundities, I had to write that

down. It ranks with Bert Lance's "If

"All this talk about 'electabil-

ity," the governor said, though I had never mentioned the word.

military), what is denounced is the link between the process, meaning free elections, and the result, dicta-

torship of a man or a party. Democracy would be stronger if its Western partisans could present a better case, if they were truly convinced that democracy constituted the

only principle of unity and legitimacy that can be offered to a fragmented post-Cold War world.

Unfortunately, democrats spend much of their time denouncing the well-known sins of democracy: divisiveness, the exaggerated role of the news media, inefficiency ... Democracy is thereby trivialized.
This vision is defeatist and shortsighted. Demo-

cratic phiralism, the only interpretation of democracy that has proven valid, is the sole guarantee of peace and stability. Democracy is the cement for West European political and economic union.

Principles that are valid for Europe and America hold true for Asia, too, as it emerges from the Cold War without the Soviet threat and with U.S. pro-

tection fading. The best insurance of peace and stability is the spread of democratic regimes. Real democracies do not start wars - they know, and care about, the human cost. The pace of democratization may vary according

to culture and socioeconomic development, but ba-sic human rights are universal principles. The path toward democracy has proven bumpier and more hazardous than democrats expected. But democratic progress will prove irresistible in the end.

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"Whoever wins New Hampshire

gets a presumption of electability. For Clinton, that's all he needs, be-

cause he'll probably win down South Ron Brown is right: It has to

The Tsongas tsurge?
"I sent him a birthday note:

'Show 'em that plain-faced ethnics like you and me can make it."

If Mr. Tsongas stops Mr. Clinton, and a big write-in for Mr. Cuomo is

the talk of the better-than-expected

set, is the New Yorker in the race?

lature?" Of course not. "Then nothing changes." Really? "Don't give me that 'flimsy pretent' stuff, you're playing one-move checkers. If you go back on your commitment to New Yorkers, it kills your candidacy."

There stands Mario Cuomo: one

foot on the dock, one foot on the

boat. And as they say ...

ernor is no airhead. Rhodes scholar, impeccably schooled (Georgetown, Yale), Mr. Clinton has plenty to say — much of it worth listening to.

But for now Mr. Tsongas is the cleaner choice.

His personal life seems impeccable. He beat the

draft, but he went into the Peace Corps. He has

had cancer and he knows that everything that

If he is, on occasion, a bit smug and messianic

he has earned that privilege — although, for me, one Jimmy Carter a lifetime is enough. Still, the overall impression is not of a sanctimonious

man, but one who can laugh at himself. Paul

Tsongas's dirty little secret, well-hidden during

the early television debates, is that he is a stitch.

If comparisons have to he made to yet another Massachusetts politician, it should not be Mi-

chael Dukakis but John F. Kennedy. Mr. Tson-

Every four years, New Hampshire seems to reappear like Brigadoon and some miracle takes

place. This year — if only to give Mr. Clinton a degree of difficulty he seems to have carned —

New Hampshire Democrats may make Paul

told an audience not long ago in Portsmouth.

"It's the only horse I can ride in this campaign."

The man may not look like much, but that horse

The Washington Post.

"I have to tell you the economic truth," he

follows is a gift.

gas has that kind of wit.

Tsongas the winner.

of his is a winner.

"Do I have a budget from the legis-

he one of these five."

The Cuomo Campaign

# 'Bashing': It's Not All That Simple

By James Fallows

WASHINGTON — Reasonable whether a buy American campaign makes sense. But we could do without several fatnors arguments:

1. You cannot tell where this stuff comes from anyway. Even the hard-

comes from anyway. Even the nard-headed newspaper columnst Mike Royko has fallen for this. In a recent column he said be had bought an American car and a friend had bought Japanese - but that the had bought Japanese — but that the Japanese car was made in American and was probably more American than the real thing. Fiah! The joke was on the bry-American crowd.

In principle, corporations might eventually lose all ties to their parent

nations. This is nearly the case with American computer makers. None of the major parts of Apple, Compaq. Dell or other "American" computers is produced in the United States, ex-

is produced in the United States, except for the microprocessing chip.

But "American" cars are overwhelmingly made in America. The Rig
Three are all much more "American"
than any Japanese brand. The average
North American content for Chrysler
vehicles is more than 85 percent.

Canadian officials inspecting "made in Ohio" Hondas say that it remains an open question whether the cars are even 50 percent North American. This does not prove that Americans should reject cars from Japanese "transplants," or even that they should care where their cars come from But they should stop pretending that the origin is an unsolvable enigma.

The whiff of racism is in the air. It is foolish ever to rule out racism as a factor, but the term is being applied reflexively to controversies

I do not care who owns the Seattle Mariners baseball team - and if I did I would choose Nintendo over George Steinbrenner anyday. But there is no evidence that baseball is resisting the Nintendo owners because of their race rather than their nationality. Suppose Senator Daniel Inouye, who is of Jap-anese origin, were buying the team. Would anyone complain?

To many people in Japan the dis-tinction between nationality and "race" may seem elusive. To Americans the distinction

should be clear and fundamental.

If we Americans think that clashes of national interests with Japan inevitably have the "whiff of racism" because the countries' racial makeup differs, then we are logically forced to consider Japan's many nationalistic policies racist as well including its ban on foreign owner-

izes racially non-Japanese farmers from Thailand to Arkansas.

If you disagree with the protests over Nintendo, just call them "xenophobic." There is no reason to hant in one of the most loaded of terms.

with Japan. Most oratory suggests only two pos-sible explanations for trade problems.

Either the Japanese economy is unfair, closed and tricky, or else Americans are lazy, spendthrift and dumb. To the extent one explanation is true, we can ignore the other -as the

We must not lecture the Japanese until we (fix our schools, cut the budget deficit, stop crime and so on).
Our brains should be big enough to contain two ideas - that America has both internal and external problems.

dumb and lazy? Yet Korea has a big. economic imbalance with Japan, much as the United States does.

deficit, but they are not the only factors involved. America has serious social problems, which would be serious even if there were no other countries in the world. The auto-parts trade deficit is not the reason Americans should care about families or schools; the texture of life is.

hardt and Lee Iacocca, as you choose - but if you disagree, do not assume that they are bigots or that they are trying to distract attention from America's shortcomings.

## Haiti: Send a UN Force Against the Arrogant Thugs By Flora Lewis

N EW YORK — Distraught Haitians cramming little boats in hopes of reaching the United States are fleeing not only their country's murderous regime and chronic poverty. The situation has been dramatically worsened by mixed signals from Washington and the Organization of

The embargo that the OAS imposed in an attempt to force the military regime to return power to Jean-Ber-trand Aristide, the elected president who was overturned in a coup in September, has been a disaster. It grievously hurt those it was supposed to help, ordinary people struggling for subsistence, and scarcely affected the military establishment and thugs who run the country.

Latin American leaders and Haitians in the United States say that the embargo has been so porous that the embargo has been so persons that the regime and its key supporters are sup-plied with what they need. Aware that the desperation provoked only added to the stream of boat people setting out for Florida, Washington unilater ally decided to ease the restrictions.

But at the same time, it started forced repatriation of Haitians plucked from the sea and taken temporarily to the camp set up at the U.S. base of Guantanamo, in Cuba. The two decisions were greeted with gleeful relief by the Haitian rulers who felt they had successfully outmanervered the campaign against them.
"Now the OAS finds itself in a

pigsty, and they are the ones who

don't know what to do," a member of

the Haitian high command boasted to

Times at a palace reception. The occa-sion was to celebrate the self-promotion of army chief Raoul Cedras to lieutenant general in a ceremony com-

Howard French of The New York

plete with 21-gun salute and officers carrying ivery-handled swords. The general had a point. The one thing to do is armed United Nations

Even other Latin leaders seem unlikely to object.

intervention; anything else would cause more harm then help. It would not have taken much. Only the thugs and their military leaders are armed in Haiti. It is such a special case that
Latin American leaders, ultrasensitive
to foreign and particularly U.S. dispatch of force, have said that if the United States had sent troops after the coup to restore President Aristide. even Mexico would not have objected. Only last month, according to Mr. French, Haitian officers were trying

to arrange visas to flee a rumored foreign intervention. They would have been the refugees.

But now they feel that they have won, and are ostentatiously photo-graphing and fingerprinting the hap-less returnees at the dock, an omi-

nous warning about their future. Certainly, a U.S. intervention. reminiscent not only of the recent invasions of Granada and Panama but of ugly American behavior in the early part of the century, is not to be

contemplated. The OAS seems to be incapable. That leaves the United Nations. It is another example of the urgent need for a standing force which could be sent to disarm the

coup leaders quickly and efficiently. The embargo and the dumping back of refugees are forcing the populace to its knees in a country that has long been the poorest in the hemi-sphere. The border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, both on the island of Hispaniola, is visible from the air. It is where the brown stops and the green starts, so devas-tated is the land.

Modest attempts at reforestation by aid progams were the key to efforts at revival. Now, for lack of fuel, what trees and greenery exist are being razed for cooking and essential needs. Not only the present but the precarious future are condemned by punishing the entire nation for its murderous clique of rulers. There are rumors that "Baby Doc" Duvalier, the dictator who was deposed in 1986, is using the great fortune he took into exile in France to help the enchmen left behind.

There can be no illusion that a properly elected government would end Haiti's travail. It has been badly misgoverned for most of two centuries. But it is the only way to start on the long road to a situation where people do not feel obliged to risk their lives to flee their homes.

Meanwhile, the refugees must be given succor, not thrown back. But it

is not solution. New international law is in the making, and Haiti is a prime case of the need for an arm to enforce it Refugees, ecological damage, endless oppression and violence are the alternatives in the name of sacrosance national sovereignty. It must be hoped that those cruel and greedy officers celebrated too soon.

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## IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: What Fallow Land? LONDON - The Times and other

English journals have fired up at cer-tain statements made by the United States Immigration Commission that the population of Britain is driven to seek employment in other countries because over twenty-two millions of acres of productive land, chiefly belonging to the nobility, are lying idle. This is about four times more than the English nobility have among them. Commissioner Powderly, who is responsible for the assertion, would do well to indicate the site of these acres, and then it may be possible to trace the owners

1917: Chinese Warning

PEKING — The Government of the Chinese Republic, animated by a strong desire to see the peace of the world restored and respecting the sa-cred principles of international law, has today [Feb. 14] sent a vigorous protest to the German Government

against its method of submarine warfare: "Germany has caused much suffering and loss of life to the Chinese. Germany's new methods con-stitute a dangerous menace to the interests of the Chinese. The Chinese Government considers it a duty to send a protest to the German Government. If this protest does not have a satisfactory effect the Chinese Gov-ernment will break off relations."

#### 1942: Winter Offensive

MOSCOW — [From our New York edition:] Kniling through German lines for the deepest and most significant advance yet of the Red Army winter offensive, Russian ski troops have entered White Russia. Russian submarines have also destroyed seven more German warships in Arctic waters, dispatches reported tonight [Feb. 13]. News of these successes in the north and west were accompanie by accounts of an uninterrupted Red drive in the south, where many more villages were liberated.

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Does anyone think Koreans are So do Taiwan, Singapore and other

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America's budget deficit and low savings increase the size of its trade But the United States also have

long-term economic problems with Ia-pan, which most other countries share. Agree or disagree with Dick Gep-

The writer, Washington editor of The Atlantic, is working on a book about East Asia. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

**OPINION** 

# Bashing! It's Not All That Simple

By James Fallow

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TOKYO - For the second time in less than a month, a man has died on a commuter train here and gone unnoticed for hours by the other passengers, the police said Thursday. The man, about 60, was

found dead on a train just after midnight Wednesday. The police believe he died about four hours earlier but

probably thought he was siceping. The body made at least one round-trip between Tokyo and Takao, 45 kilometers (28

bours on another train.

# American Jobs and Profits Are at Stake on the Volga

By Richard A. Gephardt The writer is majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON — Beneath the veneer of competence, the Bush administration's strategy toward the former Soviet Union is a dangerously ineffective response to the greatest dem-ocratic awakening and market-opening opportunity of the 20th century.

Just as Americans recognize how the administration has mismanaged the economy, they must now comprehend how its besitant foreign policy jeopar-dizes America's national security and economic interests.

Boris Yeltsin recently told congressional leaders that Russia is "in a fight for survival" and bad only three months to turn things around. Without more international aid, he said, there would be "an explosion."
What was the U.S. response?

To date, the administration has done precious bttle. Although Secretary of State James Baker is right to a dilied flag, accompanying a shipment of allied relief to Russia, we must not confuse symbolism with substance or meager aid with actual commitment.

For all the hype, the U.S. assistance and commercial presence in the Commonwealth of Independent States is negligible, and most planned aid shipments will not reach those in need until spring. There appears to be no sense of urgency to negotiate protective agreements for American exporters or to change U.S. tax, trade and export laws to expand business activity and create U.S. jobs.

The day after George Bush praised Mr. Yeltsin's efforts he told Congress he

would veto legislation permitting the ex-port of telecommunications equipment to the former Soviet Union. Meanwhile, Japanese and European investment is

ready to go full bore.

The Bush policy is, to quote the French politician Antoine Boulay de la Meurthe, "worse than a crime, it is a blunder." By failing to act, the United States may be locked out of the most important new market and source of raw materials of the 20th century.

This is all the worse because certain actions could easily be taken in help preserve this critical democratic expenment. In the short term we Americans should be stepping up delivery of des-perately needed food and medicine while assisting in distribution, to help the people through the immediate crisis. We should get Saudi help in meeting the republics' energy requirements.

And we should lead a Western effort to make the ruble convertible, a prerequisite for a stable market economy.

Russia should be allowed to defer its 59 billion in 1992 interest payments owed to the Group of Seven countries. Finally, to monitor nuclear disarmament, the administration should press for prompt consideration of relevant pornons of START -on verification, notification and information exchange.

In the long term the United States must promote commercial ties with the Commonwealth of Independent States an effort that will produce jobs and rising bving standards in all nations. That means providing preferential trade status,



using the U.S. oil industry in develop Commonwealth energy resources, ex-porting computers and telecommunications products and aiding U.S. business investment in Russia and the other republics. Every day of delay endangers democratization and market development as well as costing American jobs and profits that will otherwise end up

in Japan or Europe.

1 would happily join the president in supporting full American participa-

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tion in a vigorous aid program - financed solely by military cuts. For example, rather than spending \$5.3 billion for a "star wars" defense program, as President Bush has requested, the United States could preserve a strong program at \$3.5 billion and use the savings for humanitarian aid and to contribute in the West's economie stabilization fund for the former Soviet Union.

Some say the moment is not right,

that only appeals putting "America first" will be heard in these hard economie times. That is why presidential leadership is so urgent and the offer of hipartisan support is so sincere. If we summon the idealism that en-

abled the Marshall Plan to sneed in the 1940s it would mean American jobs and greater security in the 1990s, an outcome that sounds like "America first to me.

The New York Times.

#### Back to an 'Illegal' State

On Jan. 28 the U.S. State Department announced that powdered milk from the United States and medical supplies from the Pan American Health Organization and the Chilean government were being provided to the people of Haiti. The announcement went on to say:

The Haitian people are victims of an illegal regime. They have suffered the loss of their freely elected democratic government ... [The shipment] is meant to mitigate the suffering of the Haitian people brought on by the failure of those in power to move toward a solution to Haiti's crisis."

The State Department release called on those in power in Haiti to resume democratic rule and to "restrain the secarrity forces from violent acts."

Incredibly, four days later, the United States began to forcibly repatriate the Haitian asylum-seckers at Guantánamo Bay, We do not argue that every fleeing Haitian is entitled to permanent refugee

status in the United States. But those who flee are entitled to screening for refugee status and even those not deemed refugees should be held at Guantánamo pending a change in conditions in Haiti. Since World War II, a bipartisan pil-

lar of U.S. foreign policy has been America's leadership on refugee issues. This shameful chapter makes it difficult for the United States to lead the way credibly. We call on the administration to adhere to its own assessment of the perilous situation in Haiti and to suspend forced repatriation of Haitians until conditions there improve.

LIONEL A. ROSENBLATT. Executive Director, Refugees International. Washington.

## **Building the New Russia**

It is time for the United States to realize that it must turn to Russia for its salvation. This is not as strange as it sounds. The United States reached the zenith of its wealth and power rebuild-

ing an economically devastated Western Europe and then protecting that Europe from the Soviet empire.
Today, both the United States and

Russia must find new projects for their military-industrial complexes or risk a worldwide depression. Boris Yeltsin bas again demonstrated his political savvy with his recent proposal for a joint Strategic Defense Initiative. The objective is to get the Russian military behemoth, how standing ominously idle, working again. At one stroke, the United States could help stabilize the chaotic Russian economy and lessen the probability of an expatriation of Russian nuclear expertise. A joint venture could even give the United States a boost.

The hig question is who would pay Certainly some of the money would come from the taxpayers. But they have been paying all along for billion-dollar bombers. And Russia could pay part of its share in bartered raw materials.

A resurrected Russian economy would mean 150 million new customers who already beat down the door to buy American products whenever they can afford them. Detroit would be pleased to know that I have a Russian colleague here who dreams of one day buying a Ford.

> GUY McCRACKEN. St. Petersburg.

If the former Soviet Union is facing a tremendous need for materials to develop its industry and agriculture, then why not barter these things for fission-able material? Americans could demonstrate their support by purchasing peace bonds. The money raised would pay for American businesses to produce the barter goods and perhaps help create jobs for Americans as well. JEFFREY LEVINE

In 1945, America's fallen enemies were treated with magnanimity and in-telligence. Germany, Italy and Japan subsequently became its greatest allies, while all enjoyed great prosperity. Today, with its former enemy prostrate,

Washington seems full of penny-pinching shortsightedness. RICHARD FREMANTLE

#### Aquino's Forces, Too Regarding the report "Ease Curbs on Laureate, Aquino Asks" (Jan. 30):

It is ironic that President Corazon

Aquino of the Philippines has been urg-ing the leaders of the Association of South East Asian Nations to pressure the Burmese military regime to ease re-strictions on Aung San Sun Kyi, the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner, who is being held under house arrest.

Prestigious groups such as Amnesty International and Philippine-based Task Force Detainees, among others, have long documented reports of political detention, torture and summary executions by the armed forces of the Philippines, of which President Aquino is the commander-in-chief.

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# Ask the Rushdie Question Until the Message Sinks In

By Paul Theroux

HONOLULU — When Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini first issued his decree against Salman Rushdie three years ago Friday, 1 swear 1 thought it was a joke—a very bad joke, a bit like "Papa Doe" Duvalier putting a voodoo curse on Graham Greene for writing "The Comedians," but a joke nevertheless, in the sense of being an example of furious but harmless flatulence - just wind.

I thought the death sentence would be laughed off — condemned as despicable, and then mocked. Of course, I did not foresee much

merriment about "The Satanic Verses" in any Islamic state, where building

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blueprints have to be submitted to a board of Islamic scholars, the ulema, so that the authorities can make sure that no toilet faces Mecca.

Where toys and calendars and mugs based on the Muppet figure of Miss Figgy are dragged from shops by the religious police and ritually destroyed.

Where there are equally hatty and murderous-sounding jawas, such as the recent one delivered by a Saudi Arabian official cleric that declared that as all

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How disgusting to see that so far the intimidation of fanatics has worked. Mr. Rushdie is in hiding, his book is still vilified, his life is still threatened.

Most countries, including his own, Britain, are doing business with Iran, buying its oil and cashew nuts, selling the Iranians new cars and wristwatches and sending them paper and ink so they can print their fatuous laws. Trading partners in Europe and the

United States are treating the Islamic Republic of Iran as though it were a thoroughly rational place, when any fool can see that the ayatollah's fatwa is barbarous, as well as, from the point of view of international law, an example of criminal incitement.

In Sydney, Australia, one of my taxi drivers was an economic refugee from Pakistan, a man of 60, with a science degree from Karachi University.

We talked about the Koran for a while, and then I asked him about the farwa. His bony hands tightened on the steering wheel: "Rushdie must die."
I had a similar encounter in rural Fiji, also with a credulous Muslim.

Naturally, I set these people straight; I suggested to them that these were ignorant sentiments, and I mentioned them to Mr. Rushdie's Australian publishers. These big strong Australians, living in a democratic country, with a tradition of rugged individualism and a talent for being rude, said confidentially that they were frightened.

One said, "Some of us have families." This is all very discouraging. On a personal level people are muddled or minterested; on a governmental level the response has been weak and cowardly. On a religious level the Muslims

have either been supine or vindictive.

There is very little that Mr. Rushdie can do himself. The task is for the rest of us to resist the notion that beheadings and rimal destruction of toys are rational and humane, and that the religious leader in one country has the power to condepm a citizen of another country to death for writing a book.

We in the West often find ourselves in odd postures in our dealings with the Islamie world. It always strikes me as perverse when British and U.S. academics willingly go to any number of coun-tries and teach in schools where women are segregated from men and the laws are medieval. They do it for the money. The governments that have been timed

defending Mr. Rushdie's rights have been influenced by money too. They need to see him as he is — a hostage to much worse fanancism than continued Terry Anderson or John McCarthy.

The first step is for governments and world leaders to speak out in Mr. Rushdie's behalf. Then it is our turn — the readers and writers. It is obvious that if any of us raises Mr. Rushdie's name in Iran or Saudi Arabia or Pakistan, or like-minded countries, he will be vilified and we will be hounded.

But this ought not to be the case in the rest of the world. Any non-Muslim country with the rule of law ought to be a safe haven for Mr. Rushdie, where he can walk the streets and ride the buses and live without fear of being set upon. It is awkward to be talking about

uslims this way because Islam is one of the world's great religions and many who do not understand that we regard the fatwa as an aberration must be singled out, because only they pose a threat to Salman Rushdie. With his confinement in mind I have

made a point of asking all the Muslims I meet their views on Mr. Rushdie and his book. I have had some crisp replies, but I still think my bule practice is salutary. It ought to happen everywhere: first the question — What about Rushdie? — and if the answer is hostile, set them straight. This should also happen on an official

level, whenever a world leader communicates with President Hashemi Rafsan-What about Rushdie? I have no doubt

that eventually the message will get through and be will be free. Mr. Theroux is author of the forthcom-

ing travel book, "The Happy Isles of Oce-ania." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

## **GENERAL NEWS**

# Theatrically, Japan Unveils a New Party Scandal

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - After months of rumors and leaks, a new scandal involving the governing Liberal Democratic Party broke Thursday with stage-managed police raids of the offices of a large trucking company that is reported to have cagaged in a loan scam and to have funneled hundreds of millions of dollars to top politicians and the

A steady series of scandals have tainted politicians here since disclosures of improper payoffs to members of parliament toppled Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita in 1989. But the amounts involved in the current scandal are far larger

than those in the past. More ominously, reports have snegested that the company raided Thursday for evidence, the Tokyo Sagawa Kyubin Company, might have acted as a conduit linking some of the nation's top political

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**TOPICS** 

This week President Corazon C. Aquino

signed into law a bill to outlaw discrimina-

tion against Filipino women and channel

funds to help the poorest women. Until

now, a married woman was not allowed to

borrow money from a bank or apply for a

passport without her busband's consent.

Now, Philippine Women

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leaders and the yakuza, or orga-nized-crime groups. Included in the list of targets of the raids were the offices of the Inagawa-kai; Japan's

second-largest yakuza family.

News reports have said the laagawa-kai leader used some of the money for a major share manipulation scheme that was disclosed last year. In that scheme the yakuza tigure received financing and timely assistance from the Nomura Securities Company, the world's largest brokerage house, which was hit with a heavy penalty for its sales practices in the episode.

Parliament has already been paralyzed by opposition party demands for hearings into another scandal that resulted in the indictment on bribery charges of a for-mer cabinet member who is close to Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

Political analysts said the new developments could stall even further the governing party's legisla-tive agenda, which includes a mea-

pressed Japan to take a more active role in such operations. The raids Thursday were widely

expected. Japanese news organizanons, obviously well informed in advance, were waiting at the offices when the police and prosecutors arrived, creating a sense of theater at the sites. Reports of the raids dominated evening television news as well as afternoon newspapers, which emphasized their potential pobtical implications.

Although the prosecutors have not made any information public, the news reports highlighted allegations that Tokyo Sagawa Kyubin, a major parcel delivery company, may have provided more than \$1 billion to the yakuza as well as to politicians in both the governing and opposition parties.

Nation-Building Act, women will have

equal access to government and private credit, and will be admitted to all military schools. Government agencies are directed to review and revise all regulations and

procedures to remove any sex bias.

Under the act, a portion of foreign assis-

tance funds will go to women for income-

generating projects, especially in rural ar-

cas, said Senator Santanina Rasul, one of

two authors of the bill.

Around Asia

It reportedly did this through direct payments in some instances however, how the two could obtain

sure to permit Japan to take part in and in others through guarantees of corporate loans and provide corpo-United Nations peacekeeping ef- loans taken out by companies con-forts. The United States has trolled by the gangsters.

rate loan guarantees reportedly to-taking about \$7 billion, over a four-

As detailed as the reports have been on the alleged wrongdoing. they have painted a confusing picture of the reported loans and pay-offs, which involved a bost of subsidiaries, affiliates and dummy For instance, they have left un-

answered so far the key question:

Why would top executives of the parcel delivery company nearly bankrupt the concern to provide these payments to the politicians and the gangsters? Officials of the company, which is part of a group of trucking concerns based in Kyoto, have insisted that all the problems were cooked

oyasu Watanabe and Jun Saotome. The company sued them last year. It has been left unexplained

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would join the 600 men who attend the

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has broken up, will keep growing until about the middle of the next century, ac-

cording to Environment and Population

**Kashmiris Halt Efforts to Storm Border** 

year period, without anyone else at the company knowing about the deals. Most of the money is now said to be uncollectible, causing serious financial problems for the trucking and parcel delivery com-

pany. So far, two former cabinet ministers and two young, aspiring figures in the governing party have acknowledged receiving large payments from Tokyo Sagawa Kyuhin. Prosecutors have not suggested publicly that these payments were improper, but they have led to speculation that the trucking concern was buying influence at the highest levels of the Liberal Democratic Party.

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later we will have a stable population." He

estimated that the 180 million population

- smaller only than China, India and the

United States — would grow by 50 mil-lion, to 230 million, in the year 2035.

A spokesman for the state-owned Korea

National Tourism Corp. said this week that

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miles) to the west. On Jan. 17, a dead man went unnoticed for about five

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan - Fearing a new clash with Pakistani troops, Muslim militants on Thursday indefinitely called off their attempts to storm the disputed cease-fire line into Indian-con-

trolled Kashmir. Amanullah Khan, leader of the Pakistan-based Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, said he had no choice because Pakistani troops were bent on killing him and his

They said they would kill us, 5,000 of us if they had to," he said. "Wby should I sacrifice more lives?"

Sixteen militants were killed Wednesday as they tried to storm police barricades on the route to the cease-fire line, hospital officials

in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pa-kistan-controlled Kashmir, with ment had to block the march. protesters shouting, "Pakistan logs." shouldn't do it. It's a choice of the died.

Pakistani officials feared that the lesser of two evils," Mr. Qayyum Doz dogs."

Japan's Defense Academy, which trains | Minister Emil Salim. "We aim at reaching officers for all the armed services, will a two-child family by 2010," he said. "If

march could spark another war said, alluding to the possibility of with India, which has threatened to war with India. shoot anyone trying to cross the border. The two countries have already fought two wars over Kashmir, now split into Pakistani and Indian regions by a UN-monitored cease-fire line. India controls twothirds of Kashmir.

Kashmiris on both sides of the frontier saw Pakistan's action as a betrayal that could deepen the split between pro-Pakistani rebel groups in Indian Kashmir and independence-minded militants such as the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation

On the Indian side of the border, in the city of Srinagar, hundreds of Muslims defied a curfew and poured onto the streets before a snowfall and Indian security forces

Three people were wounded when the police fired at some 500 supporters of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front who tried to march at Annotnag, 55 ki-lometers (37 miles) south of here, 1948 and 1965 over Muslim Kashthe witnesses said.

dispersed them, witnesses said.

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# The Seville Fair: 2 Nev A Guided Visit

# Best Time to Tour May Be at Night

By Barry James ional Herald Tribune

EVILLE - It rises like a city of the future on a flat island in the brown waters of the Guadalquivir River. Seville's Universal Exposition. scheduled to open April 20 and run through Oct. 12, promises to be the biggest happening in history - and one of the most expen-

Expo 92 is the seventh universal exposition. The first, in London in 1851, celebrated the achievements of the Industrial Revolution. Spain's almost \$2 billion project will mark five centuries of discoveries since Christopher Columbus set off across the ocean blue. The organizers say it also stands for "the communications revolution, the har-nessing of new technologies and the major social shifts that have characterized these closing years of the 20th century."

To break even, Expo 92 needs to attract at least 18 million visitors during its six-month run. That's about 65 percent more than the 11 million visitors that Euro Disneyland, opening the same month, is predicting for its first year of operation near Paris.

One problem for organizers is that the Expo has an expensive image. And in Seville, hoteliers are taking advantage of the fair to post higher prices, ranging from 9,000 pese-tas (about \$90) in a one-star hotel to 60,000 in a five-star establishment. This is not counting value added tax of up to 12 percent. Tourism officials stress, however, that there are many cheaper hotel rooms available within an hour or two's journey from Seville.

They have also announced a program called Open Seville - Sevilla Abierta - to lodge visitors in private homes at reasonable prices. And the city has rented five Russian. cruise ships to serve as floating hotels. COR-AL, the official reservations organization, can be reached on Seville 446-0565; the fax number is 446-0206.

All-day tickets, valid from 9 A. M. to 4 A. M. the following morning, cost 4,000 pesetas (about \$40) for adults. Children from 5 to 14 and adults over 65 will get in for 1,500 pesetas. Night-time tickets, valid from 8 P. M., will cost 1,000 pesetas. This may well be the most pleasant way of seeing the expo-sition, escaping the fierce heat of the day. Most of the pavilions will still be open for a couple of hours. There will be a show on the artificial lake after dark every evening, with fireworks, fountains and laser lights. Concerts by many

of the world's great orchestras, operas, zar-zuelas, recitals, ballets, plays and movies will begin at 11 P. M. Bars, served by a miniature brewery on the site, and restaurants along the river's edge will remain open until 4. A Mexican-style canopied plaza called the

Palenque will also remain open all night, every night, for dancing with salsa groups, big bands and Sevillana orchestras. To beat the daydhot heat, engineers at

Seville University sought inspiration from the cool gardens of the Alcazar in Seville,

former rulers, the Arabs. The exhibition site has 16 kilometers (10 miles) of walkways shaded by leafy pergolas and chilled underfoot by pipes that carry water from the Guadalquivir River.

Micronizing equipment will give off clouds of fine water vapor in parts of the site. Although temperatures in Seville can soar to 45 degrees Centigrade (113 degrees Fahrenheit) in the shade, engineers say the Exposite will have its own cooler and more humid micro-climate. Landscape gardeners have planted 25,000 trees — mostly orange trees and palms — and 300,000 bushes on the island, once empty scrubiand.

More than 100 countries, the 17 Spanish regions, the European Community and more than 20 other international organizations and nearly 50 large corporations will be vying for attention.

The United States scraped up enough cash at the last minute to erect a pavilion consisting. of a couple of hand-me-down geodesic domes. A restaurant featuring American food will be operated by a Canadian company.

Japan's pavilion is an immense arc of wood like the blade of a samurai sword, with nothing high tech there beyond the escalator.

A wall of water cascades down the front of the British pavilion.

The Vatican has built a miniature basilica and will offer Masses throughout the day. Saudi Arabia is bringing desert sand and a

HILE is shipping a 60-ton violet-colored iceberg from the South Pole. Environmentalists see this as. a violation of Chile's treaty promises to protect the Antarctic.

Hungary is erecting a Carpathian castle; with seven towers like a Dracula's palace. and beautiful handcarving and carpentry.

Spain's National Organization for the Blind has one of the biggest pavilions. It will offer a library in Braille and a welcome center for handicapped visitors.

The Andalusian pavilion is the place for anyone who loves flamenco.

The former Soviet pavilion, adorned with a computer-driven complex of colored panels, will house the independent Commonwealth states instead.

Expo 92 is built around a Carthusian monastery where Columbus once stayed and was briefly buried, and which will serve as the official residence of King Juan Carlos I.

The monastery became a ceramics factory in the 19th century. The exposition uses the conical shape of the kim chimneys as a leitmotiv. Cable cars and monorail glide overhead. Spain's new high speed trains from Madrid will serve a canopied station. within the Expo site.

Once the fiesta is over, Spain plans to turn the Expo site into a little tech research center to act as the mode as for development in the Andalusian region. For every dollar spent on the exposition, several more have been spent

## THE MOVIE GUIDE

Richard Gere and Kim Basinger in "Final Analysis"; Mira Nair, director of "Mississippi Masala."

Directed, written, produced by Takehiro Nakajima. Japan. Okoge is the crust of rice that forms on the rice pot. The name of the pot, okama, is also denigratory vernacular for the male homosexual, so the title refers to those many young Japanese girls who like gays. Pretty young Sayoko accidentally meets Go and Tochihiko at a beach and before long is offering them her apartment to meet in. They form a happy family until Tochibiko's wife finds out and tells the boss. Sayoko, anxious to get Go fixed up, plays cupid, picks a straight and gets herself both raped and pregnant. All ends well, however. Despite this precis, the film is fresh and honest and very funny. It is further distinguished by extraordinary performances. Misa Shimizu (seen abroad in "Traffic Jam") is radiant as Sayoko, and the film should go a long way. At present, however, this brave film can find no distributor in Japan, a land which does not like to have its

(Donald Richie, IHT)

#### Final Analysis Directed by Phil Joanou. U.S.

Although shrouded in the immense shadow of Alfred Hitch-cock, most of the effects of the new psychological thriller "Fi-nal Analysis" are derived not from The Master but from his imitators. The twice-removed filmsiness shows. Richard Gere plays Isaac Barr, a psychiatrist who starts out treating a dis-turbed tease (Uma Thurman) and ends up passionately en-meshed with her older sister, Heather (Kim Basinger). Most of the time we're stuck in the film noir mire with our endangered lovebirds; the intermina-ble plot twists function merely as jolts to relieve the boredom.
(Peter Rainer, LAT)

#### Mississippi Masale Directed by Mira Nair. U.S.

Near the beginning of Mira Nair's sweetly pungent new comedy, "Mississippi Masala," Mina (Sarita Choudhury) is driving a large, borrowed auto-mobile down a highway near Greenwood, Mississippi, argu-ing with her mother, who sits imperially in the back. With her

head turned around, Mina slams into the rear of the stopped van owned by Demetrius (Denzel Washington), who owns a rug-cleaning service. It is the first of a series of colli-sions by which "Mississippi Masala" vividly dramatizes the uncertain, frequently comic progress of the love affair of Mina, a spirited young Indian who has never seen India, and Demetrius, a conscientious, upwardly mobile black American who has never seen Africa.
"Mississippi Masala" appears
to have been produced on a
modest budget, but it is a big
movie in terms of talent, geography and concerns. Racism isn't the major issue, at least on the surface. Mina and Demetrius must fight the sense of cultural dislocation that, for different reasons, has become a part of the heritage of each.

(Vincent Canby, NYT)

Medicine Man

Directed by John McTiernan. When we first see Rae Crane (Lorraine Bracco) in John

McTiernan's spectaenlarly thrilling new movie, "Medicine Man," she's strapping on a pair of boots as if she were a warrior preparing for battle. And, in essence, she is. A brilliant re-search scientist, Crane has been sent to South America by an American pharmaceutical firm to check up on Richard Campbell (Sean Connery), a renegade biochemist who's spent the last six years living deep in the rain forests along the Amazon searching for what he believes to be a miracle serum. After an arduous trek Crane finally confronts her subject. To say that her first impressions are nega-tive would be a gross under-statement. For the audience, though, their initial exchange of antagonistic cross talk and bickering is sublimely funny, a sort of forest primeval variation on '30s movie banter that sets the stage for the battle of sexes to follow. From this heady opening salvo, we get a sense of just what a rare movie we're being drawn into. It's a surprise from start to finish, a fresh, compelling, moving tale with real people and real conflicts.

#### By Michael Richardson

INGAPORE - For travelers, the so-called Silk Road, which provided a vital link between East and West from the second to the 13th century, must have been an exhausting experience. It was the longest trade route in ancient times. stretching 8,000 kilometers from Xian in north central China through mountain passes, high plains and deserts across Cen-tral Asia and the Middle East to the edge of

During the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.), the main western terminus of the Silk Road was Constantinople (now Istanbul), capital of the Eastern Roman Empire. There was also a northern spur to the Black Sea and a southern route through Bagdhad and Da-mascus to Antioch and Tyre on the Mediter-

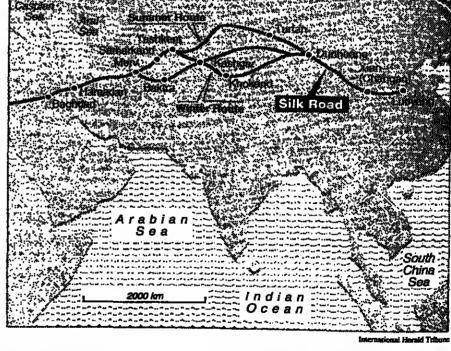
An exhibition, "The Sifk Road: Treasures of Tang," at the Empress Place Museum in Singapore brings this period of pioneering transcontinental trade and cultural exchange vividly to life. More than 200 items have been drawn from 15 museums spread over seven Chinese provinces and Beijing for the display. Many have not been shown outside China before.

Most of the pieces, ranging from ceramics to intricately wrought gold and silver, were tmearthed in the last few decades from Tang Dynasty tombs in provinces through which the Silk Road passed.

Since the rich and powerful families of imperial China felt bound for religious reasons to furnish the dead with luxuries for the next world, these objects, often in model form, are an important primary source for historians. They not only give insight into the lifestyle, beliefs and customs of people in the past, but are also regarded as great art treasures," said Grace Wong, consultant cu-rator of the Singapore exhibition.

Camels and horses were the main means of transport along the Silk Road. One pottery model, unearthed in 1985 at the Han-shen stockade at Xian in Shensi province, shows an exhausted driver asleep on his camel. Another depicts an angry driver try-ing to conx his camel to get up.

Trade created the Silk Road. Only the Chinese could produce silk at that time and as a result, it was highly prized and extreme-ly valuable. Chinese silk, tea, ceramics, lacquerware, cane products, steel and other goods were exchanged at various points along the route for horses, glassware, spices, perfumes and other items in demand in China. Horses were indispensable to the Tang armies in keeping the peace along the border and defending prefectures, passes and city-states under Chinese suzerainty on the Silk



Many traders, adventurers, political emis-saries, monks, pilgrims, students and even entertainers from Central and South Asia, the Middle East and Europe ventured into China during the Tang dynasty, which was notable for an open-door policy and an interest in foreign culture.

■ Unless you have a bad back, you probably don't think a lot about mattresses. Some are better than others and the better ones cost more, and so on. But there's a whole industry out there and this industry has trends, William Grimes of The New York Times tells us. American mattresses are getting bigger — the California King measures 76 by 83½ inches (193 by 212 centimeters) — and thicker, up to 16 inches. And then there's the big issue: safety. Not old-fashioned mattress safety issues, like will it go straight up in flames or will the coils pop into your back in the middle of the night, but nightmare stuff: Paul Bierman-Lytle, who runs an environmental architectural concern, told Grimes that because of formaldehyde, flame retardants, biocides and stain guards, "people are on top of a chemical soup at least eight hours a night." Sleep on it.

Xian, formerly known as Changan and lying to the southwest of Beijing was the center of the Eastern world, a thriving commercial and cultural hub with majestic palaces, bustling markets and well laid out roads and residential quarters. The city had a population of over a million, including more than 50,000 non-Chinese.

Trade between East and West was followed by even more valuable exchanges of religion, art, music and dance. "The relative ly liberal reign of the Tang emperors was an impetus for this ready acceptance of foreign things and new ideas," said Yeo Seng Teck, chairman of the Empress Place Museum.

China's technology in making steel, gun-powder and paper, its techniques for print-ing books and boring agricultural wells, were carried to the West along the Silk Road. The Chinese calendar system and medical knowledge also reached Europe this way.

Religions, including Buddhism, Islam and the Nestorian sect of Christianity, entered China via the Silk Road. So did Western music and dance, and a variety of plants like peaches, grapes, wainuts and figs. Included in the display are some fine examples of Tang Buddhist art.

But the highlight is the tomb figurizes of people, animals and gods that bring the world of the Tang dynasty and the Silk Road

to life again.
The exhibition at the Empress Place Museum beside the Singapore River is open until October. Entry costs six Singapore dol-lars (\$3.60) for an adult and three Singapore dollars for a child under 12.

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British Museum (tel: 323.86.81). To March 1: "Nihonga." An exhibition of Japanese paintings from the first part of this century. Features works by Yokoyama, Shimomura and Hishida Tokoyama, Shimomura and Hishoel.
Royal Academy of Arte (tel: 439.74.38). To April 5: "Andrea Mantegna: Painter, Draughtsman and Printmaker of the Italian Renaissance." Works from throughout the artist'e career that trace the develop-

(1500-1800) on loan from museums, churches and private collec-

Canadian Centre for Architecture (tel: 939.7000). To April 19: "Beautiful British Gardens" consists of original drawings, engravings and water-colors related to historic country estates owned by Britain's National

# 2 New Paris Bistros Turn Back the Clock

By Patricia Wells nanonal Herold Tribune

ARIS — When was the last time you wandered into a restaurant to be enveloped by an overwhelming positive and welcoming mingling of aromas? The faint smokiness of a cracking fire, the sweet smells of chicken and beef rossting on e grill?

To find such a fragrant greeting in Paris is already a surprise. To find it along Avenue Kleber, in a newly opened restaurant tucked

more unexpected. Well, leave it to the unstoppable Guy Savoy to give diners more of touch of nostalgia, a

what they want today. A Want a touch of nostalgia and a dose of the more modern, a clientele that's smart, Parisian, on the dose of the modern.

For diners who

La Butte Chaillot just steps from the Trocadero - is Guy Savoy'e fourth bistro in the neighborhood, and from the looks of things, he's not about to present himself with unbeatable competition. Savoy's wife, Danielle, who regularly makes the rounds of the bistros, insists this is his last. But she adds with a telling grin,
"He refuses to put that promise on paper."

La Butte Chaillot is a two-story affair,

with a giant round metal fireplace filling up a fair portion of the lower-level dining space. Unlike his other bistros — which appear to have been decorated oo the quick and on the cheap - this one has all the proper Paris-modern touches. Lots of glass, bare wood floors, aqua-tone leather upholstered chairs, and waiters decked out in Daniel Hechter. Bistro goes restaurant

The mean offers much the same style of cooking (as well as the same low-key, professional service) as one finds at his three Bistrots de l'Etoile. But La Butte Chaillot has the advantage of space and a huge rotisserie to

turn out superb crisp-crusted roast chicken to accompany e soothing and rich potato puree, and a deftly roasted morsel of tender Charo-lais beef, served with a bearnaise sauce and

the thinnest of shoestring potatoes.

As a starter, try the thick slices of grilled jambon de York served with e touch of green salad. Desserts were not worth swooning over: I found his famed millefeuille rather bland, and the fondant au chocolat similarly uninspired

The wine list is brief, and offers an emi-Rieber, in a newly opened restaurant tucked village of Seguret. Château de la Couran-into a grand old structure that's been totally conne, and the always pleasing pinot noir modernized, is even d'Alsace of André Oster-

Far across town in the 12th arrondissement. diners will find another welcoming new bistro. Les Zygomates, that's been carved out of a turn-of-the-century charcuterie.

The expansive mirrors, marble counters, and walls of etched glass are enough to satisfy anyone's nostalgic longings. The cuisine is simple, and a perfect balance of old and new bistro fare. The bargain-priced dinner menu at Les Zygomates offers plenty of fresh fish (squid, herring, salmoo and cod were on the menu on my last visit), refreshing platters of raw vegetables and e satisfying fondant au chocolat. Les zygomotiques, by the way, is French for the lacial muscles used to smile.

La Butte Chaillot, 112 Avenue Kleber, Paris 16. Tel: 47.27.88.88. Open daily, with service until midnight. Credit card: Visa. A la carte, from 120 to 265 francs (about \$22 to \$48) per person, including service but not

Les Zygomates, 7 Rue de Capri, Paris 12. Tel: 40,19,93.04. Clased Saturday at hinch and all day Sunday. Credit card: Visa. 65-franc menu at hinch. 110-franc menu at dinner. A la carte, about 130 francs per person including service but not wine.

# Touring Dresden's Contemporary Art Scene

By David Galloway

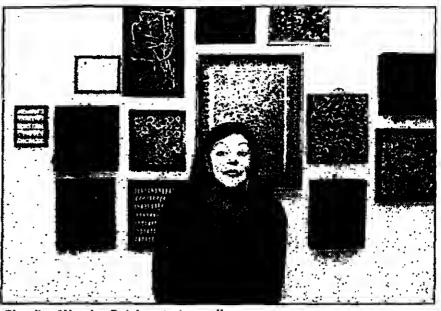
RESDEN — Two centuries ago, travelers referred to the capital of Saxony as "Florence on the Elbe." Neither the depredations of war nor the architectural banalities of communism have annulled that impression. Such cultural landmarks as the Alber-

tinum, the restored Semper Opera and the Baroque complex known as the Zwinger are familiar to most visitors. Few, however, would suspect that Dresden boasts a vigorous contemporary art scene or that the best of its private galleries were founded before the Wall began to crumble. One of them, the Kunstausstellung Kühl (Zittauer Strasse 12) numbers among united Germany's oldest commercial art institutions. Founded in 1924, it was grudgingly tolerated by the Communist overlords, who otherwise maintained an iroo-fisted monopoly on the sale of

After being bombed out in 1945. Kühl found provisional quarters in Dresden's Neustadt. In this "New Town," built in the early 19th century, the cobbled streets, handsome villas and unbroken rows of apartment houses, with graceful Renaissance-inspired ornaments, resemble the set for a costume drama. Systematically neglected by the Communists, the area fell into a state of decay, and the titular owners of many buildings had long since fled to the West. It was an ideal setting for artists seeking low-rent - even no-rent - ateliers.

Dresden's alternative scene flourisbes bere, with night cafes like Raute (Böhmische Strasse 22) and Planwirtschaft (Louisen Strasse 20), where local artists often show works. Others can be seen at the Blaue Fa-brik (Pressnitz Strasse 44-48), an ambitious self-help exhibition complex in a former chocolate factory. Nearby are both Claudia Reiebert's Gallery Autogen (Pulsnitzer Strasse 1), which primarily shows talented

newcomers, and the Kunstausstellung Kühl.
Occupying the top floor of a Jugendstil
villa, the high rooms of Kunstausstellung Kuhl, with their creaking parquet floors, hold a cheerful clutter of works by such classic moderns as Otto Dix and Gustav Klimt, alongside contemporary paintings and sculptures, Meissen porcelain, dried flowers, antique furniture and rare first-edi-



Claudia (Wanda) Reichert in her gallery.

In the last years of the Communist regime, and perhaps as a sign of its waning authority, other private galleries pursued a semilegal existence in Dresden.

Claudia Reichert, popularly known as Wanda, supported her first gallery by work-ing at a variety of odd jobs. She and her artist friends occupied the vacant, picturesquely decaying Villa Marie in 1982, and it quickly

became a center for experimental art.
Wanda's Fotogen gallery survived Stasi

harrassment but not the liberation that followed. Though she had private financing to purchase and convert the Villa Marie into e multimedia cultural center, she was forced out by a vegetable growers' cooperative that ostensibly sought a vacation retreat for its members. In a farewell performance, artist friends tarred and feathered the building, which was plainly an early victim of the speculative fever that has sent real-estate

prices skyrocketing.

## DONTS

#### **Dinner Treat**

Do book dinner at the Blockhaus (Neustädter Markt 19; tel: 53630), a superb 8th-century building that houses a half for chamber music along with one of the city's best traditional restaurants.

#### Opera Tickets

Don't buy tickets from scalpers in front of the Semper Opera; returned and unclaimed tickets are available at the box-office shortly before every performance.

Do browse in local bookshops, where art books printed in the former East Germany are still a superb value for money.

#### Electronic Bargains

Don't be tempted by electronic "bargains," as many firms are still dumping outmoded models here, as in other East European cities,

Wanda found handsome new quarters in the Neustadt and rechristened her gallery Autogen. She counsels, grooms, manages, and promotes e new generation of artists, including the ingenious assemblage sculptor Stephen Nestler, and is busy learning the rules of survival in e free market. In March, Gallery Autogen will make its international debut at Art Frankfurt.

As Wanda notes, the city's few collectors "have other priorities now — travel, cars, videorecorders," Most sales are to Wessies visitors from western Germany or those who have been transferred here. The Gallery Lehman (Institutsgasse 4) confirms that at least 90 percent of their sales are to West European collectors.

In a city where the figurative tradition is still passionately cultivated, the Gallery Leb-mann, opened in 1988 and operated by Frank and Ralph Lehmann, has established riself as a showplace for experimental ten-dencies. In a premiere presentation at last year's Art Cologne fair, virtually every work was sold. A particular favorite was 25-year-old Hendrik Silberman, whose stunning collage-paintings reveal a precocious mastery of technique and a contagiously ironic vision of

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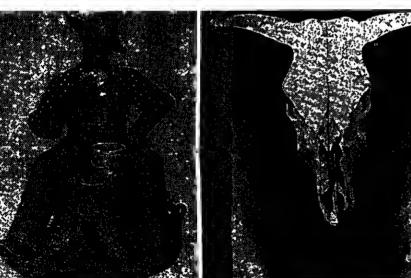
Plainly, this is a time when gallerists and artists alike are testing their wings. For some, the heady new freedoms have produced anxiety and a defensive, reactionary embrace of traditional modes. But the dominant mood is experimental, expansive, ener-getic. Until Dresden has its own Kunsthalle, or museum for contemporary art, sorting the wheat from the chaff will primarily be the

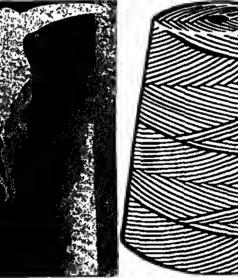
work of gallerists, critics and collectors.

The Leonhardi Museum (Grund Strasse;
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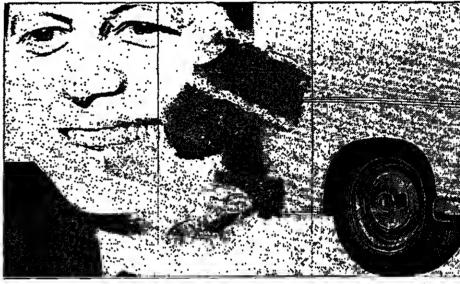
For those who venture this far east, it is worth continuing farther to Linic 6 (Schaufuss Strasse 24), a bar-restaurant composed of parts from dismantled trolley cars. There the popular specialty is a fiery "Stasi Goulash, guaranteed aged for 40 years." Digesting the past, after all, is not just a challenge for e new generation of artists.

David Galloway is an art critic and free, lance curator based in Wuppertal, German).











Turin's Lingotto features (from left to right) works by Grant Wood, Georgia O'Keeffe, Roy Lichtenstein, James Rosenquist and Richard Estes, among others, in its "Arte Americana 1930-1970" exhibition.

## AUSTRIA

Mueaum Modarner Kunst (tel: 34.12.59). To March 15: "Gerard Gerouste: Reminiscences of Romanticism." Traces painter'e change in style from Symbolism to Expression-ism. Also, to March 15: "The Proxy." Installation by Gioria Friedman.

#### BELGIUM

es (tel: 511.90.84). To Musée d'b April 30: 130 landscapes by J.M.W. Turner (1771-1851) that were in-French landscapes; one of the sever-al "Britain in Brussels" events.

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Pataie dee Beaux-Arte (tel: 507.84.72). To April 19: "Sport in Ancient Greece." A collection of pottery and sculptures celebrating the practice of sports in ancient Greece: on loan from prestigious European

Charlerol Musée de la Photographie (tel: 36.46.45). To March 8: 200 photoand documents by Hungarian-born Andre Kertesz.

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Victoria and Albert (tel: 938.8500).
To March 22: "The Art of Death." Objects from the English death ritual

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#### DENMARK

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ward Hopper Collection in the Whit-ney Museum of American Art in New York. To May 24: Retrospective of 200 crisp and provocative photos 200 crisp and provocative photos from the '70s and '80s by Robert Mapplethorpe.

Musée d'Art Contemporain (tel: 78.30.50.66), To March 8: Installations by James Turnell which require the visitor's participation.

Musée International d'Art Nati (tel: 93.71.78.33). To March 1: "Scents, Colors, and Sounds in Correspon-" Brezilian tapestries by Ma-Musee d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain (tel: 93.62.61.62). To March 22: Guy Rottier'e exploration of the possibilities of modern architecture as seen in works from 1947 to

L'Area (tel: 42.72.96.50). To March 9; "Komin Na Neretvi," Photographs from e recent trip to Yugoelavia by Paris-based photographer Charley G. Cupic.

Artcurial, Centre d'Art Plastique Contemporain (tel: 42.99.16.16). To March 28: Paintings by Zao Woui Irom 1976 to 1991. Centre Cultural Suédole (tel: 42.71.82.20). To March 1: Gold and

silver hats and canes by the Swedish Fondation Cartler, Jouy-en-Josas (1el: 39.56.46.48). To April 20: The spacious grounds of the loundation specious grounds of the state host in suburban Jouy-en-Josas are host to "Machines d'Architecture." Archi-tectural models, drawings and photo-graphs by John Hejduk and 12 other

Institut Français d'Architecture (tel: 46.33.90.36). To April 26: "Massimiliano Fuksas: High Tension." Eclectic works of a contemporary Italian architect. nstitut Polonais (tel: 42.25.10.57).

To Feb. 28: Engravings by the Polish engraver Jerzy Panek. Mairie du 3e Arrondissement (tel: 42.74.20.03). To March 1: A reopening of "L'Immigration Julive et son integration dans la Nation 18801948." Photos documenting the limited and large and his German Friends." Featuring a Denish artist who won international acclaim. migration of Jews to France, and their integration Into French society. Musée Marmotten (tel: 42.24.07.02). To Feb. 26: Illustra-tions for theater programs by Gau-guin, Toulouse-Lautrec and Munch,

among others. Musée National des Arts Asiatiques Guimet (tel: 47.23.61.65). To Feb. 24: Buddhist and Hindu bronze statues, from various collections in Sri

Palaie de Tokyo, Centre de la Pho-tographie (lei: 47.23.36.53). To March 1: Portraits, such as those of Arletty, Josephine Baker, Brigitte Bardol, Fernandel and Edith Piaf, takcarooi, remande and Lorin Plaf, tak-en by the tamous Harcourt studios. Theatre 71 (tel: 46.55.43.45). "To-tal Vocal." A cappelle testival leatur-ing groups from throughout Europe. Feb. 20-22.

Saint-Germain-en-Laye Château da Saint-Germein-en-Laye (tel: 34.51.53.65). To April 27: "The Court of Stuarts at Seint-Germain-en-Lays under Louis XIV" illus-trates the life of James II and his Jacobites after they fled England loilowing William of Orange's victory.

#### GERMANY

Kathe-Kollwitz-Museum (1el; 882,52,10). To March 2: 100 emotionel drawings and watercolors by Austrian painter Egon Schiele (1890-1918).

Kunstgawerbemusaum (tel: 268.29.11). To Feb. 29: Exhibition of various forms of seating lumiture trom the Renaissance to today. Martin-Groplus-Bau (lat: 25.48.60). To April 26: "Patterns of Jewish Lite" axhibits more than 2,000 items describing Jewish life from ancient Jerusalem to the pre-

losef-Haubrich-Kunsthelle (tel: Josef-Haudrich-Runsthelle (tel: 221.23.35). To March 22: "Environ-ments." Exhibition of recent sculp-tures by Wolf Vostell, German pio-neer of the Happening and Fluxus

Kunstverein (tel: 21,70.21). To March 22: "Files and Their Central Role in Economics, Music, Energy and Poetry." Files used as meta-phors in the work of the Absurdist Russian ertisi ilye Kabakov (b.

Düsseldorf Stadtische Kunethatie (tel: 899,62,40). To March 22: "Genius of Rodin: Creativity and the Erotic." exhibition explores subtly erotle themes in Rodin's lesser known works and includes pleces by Camille Claudel as well.

Frankfurt Mueeum für Volkerkunde (tel: 212.353.91). To April 19: "Signs of the Times: Contemporary African Art." Paintings and sculptures from eastern Africa. Nuremberg

Germanisches Nationelmuseum

#### HONG KONG Hong Kong

Joods Historisch Museum (tel 626,99.45). To April 12: "The Old Testament in Hong Kong Museum of Art (tel: To April 12: "The Old Testament in 522.4127). To Feb. 19: "Too Paintings of the Golden Age." Ex-

## French." Exhibition of contemporary — primarily French — artists.

Irish Museum of Modern Art (18): 718.686). To March 15: Works by Joseph Beuys, the controversial avant-garde sculptor and perfor-

Testre Testro Communate (tel: 20.23.12). "Il Viaggio e Reims." Rossini's rarely performed comic opera. Conducted by Claudio Abbado; with Cheryl Studer and Ruggero Ralmondi. Feb. 20, 22, 24, 25, 28, March 1.

Florence Palazzo Strozzi (Tel: 21.59.90) To March 8: Largest exhibition shown in traly of works by Gustav Klimt. In-cludes 34 oil paintings, 84 drawings Pelazzo Pitti (tel: 21.34.40). To March 13: Exhibition examines vari-ous styles of the Italian Baroque mas-

ter Caravaggio. Museo degil Eremiteni (tel: 875.1153). To May 17: "From Bellini to Tintoretto." More than 200 paint-ings by 14th and 15th century Padu-

Turin Lingotto (tel: 896.71.31). To March 31: "Arte Americana 1930-1970," Forty years of American painting in-cluding works by Edward Hopper, Jackson Pollock, Cy Twombly and

#### Roy Lichtenstein. JAPAN

Tokyo Satageya Art Mueeum (tel: 3415.6305). To March 22: "Japan and Britain: An Aesthetic Dialogue 9 Glut 1850-1930." Paintings, photographs 13 Shaver and costumes inherent in the countries' cultural dialogue.

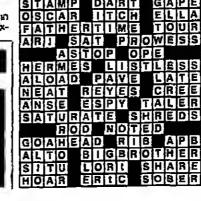
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Photography (tel: 3280.0031). To 17 — Like March 24: "Early Works of Photogra- Yours phy." A survey of the earliest forms of photography and their impact in France, England, the United States and Jacan.

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#### **PUERTO RICO**

San Juan nstituto de Cultura Puerforniquena (tel: 724,0700). To April 30: Retro-spective of paintings from 1936-1975 by Wifredo Lam, e figurative painter of Chinese-Cuban descent.

# SPAIN

Museo Picasso (tel: 315.47.61). To April 19: "Peblo Picasso 1905-1905." Watercolors, sculptures and drawings from the artist'e pink and blue periods.

Madrid ARCO 92 (tel: 722.50.01). Through Feb. 18: Contemporary art festival with the participation of 193 gallenes Museo Español de Arte Contem-porano (tel: 549.7150). To Feb. 28: "Czechoslovakian Cubism" uracas the art scene of the early 20th century. To May 31: "Fashion After Dark."

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Museum für Volkerkunde (tel: 266.55.00). To March 15: "Textiles in Bali." Large exhibition focusing on the symbolic role of textiles and the symbolic role of textiles and clothing in the island culture. Sammlung Karlkaturen und Cartoons (tel: 271.12.88). To April 22: Two-loid exhibition presenting work by Dutch cartoonists of today and caricatures from 1900 to 1948.

Le Categu Musée Matisse (tel: 27.84.13.15). To April 28. "From Matisse to To-day." Exhibition of modern sculp-tures brought together from art mu-seurts of nonhern France.

Fondation da l'Harmitage (tel: 617.732;) To May 10: "50 Ans d'Art Vaudois." One -hundred and fifty vaudos artists.

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**UNITED STATES** 

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The Museum of Contemporary Art

## (tel: 621.27.66). To May 17: "The Marcie Simon Welsman Collection" exhibits 60 works by Rauschenberg, Max Ernst and Willem de Kooning, as well as California artists such as Sam Francis, Richard Diebenkorn and Dated March vid Hockney, among others. Also, "Art and Film" explores the relationship between modern art and film, and integrates 70 films and over 200

J. Paul Getty Museum, Matibu (tel: 459,7611). To March 29: "The Dec-orated Letter." Illuminated manu-scripts from the 9th to 16th centuries. Los Angeles Music Center Opera (1et: 972 72.19), "Kullervo." Com-poser Aulis Saltinen's adaptation of an ancient finish legend. Feb. 25, 27 Co. March 25.

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New York Metropolitan Museum of Art (tel: 535.77.10). To May 17: "Barbizon."

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Covers six French landscape painters of the 19th century, including
Diaz, Millet and Rousseau. To May covers six French tandscape pam-ers of the 19th century, including Diaz, Millet and Rousseau. To May 17: "Arnerican Rococo, 1750-1775: Elegance in Ornament" explores the spread of the 18th-century rococo style in the decorative arts of colonia America, items include furniture, sil-

ver, ceramics and glass as well as paintings and engravings. Museum of Modern Art (tel: 708.97.50). To May 5: "Allegories of Modernism: Contemporary Drawing Modernism: Contemporary Drawing provocatively explores developments in drawing since the mid-1970s with 200 works by 40 American and Euro-pean artists. Whitney Museum of American Art (tel: 570.36.33). To March 1: Retro-spective of works by Alexis Smith, who is best known for her collares.

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Museum of Modern Art (tel: 883.8800). To March 15: "Paul Klee: Signs and Symbols." The evolution of the very personal visual language in this Swiss painter'e work. Also, a retrespective of photos by Helen Levitt. Washington Experimental Gellery (tel:

357.3129). To April 15: "Etiquette of the Undercaste." A walk-through maze allows visitor to experience the environment of homele

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (tel: 357.2700). To March 29: Installation by the Chilean-born artist Allverto lear

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## WALL STREET WATCH

# Cable TV Stocks Need **Answers on Regulation**

By Geraldine Fabrikant
New York Times Service

EW YORK - While the stock market has been soaring, the cable television stocks, particularly Tele-Communications Inc. and Comcast Corp., have languished, depressed by the specter of tougher regulations. Neither is even near the highs they hit in 1989.

Tele-Communications traded Thursday at \$16.375, off 25 cents. Its high since 1986 was \$21,625 in late 1989. Comeast traded at \$15,875, down 37.5 cents. Its high had been just over

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Two weeks ago, the Senate approved a bill that would let municipalities regulate cable-systems rates and would allow television stations to charge cable systems for the right to

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retransmit their signals. The bill faces hurdles before it becomes law, but experts and officials say some form of regulation seems inevitable. If the new rules prove to be relatively mild, then cable

stocks could take off, many analysts say, because the uncertainty would be removed.

While concern is focused on the Senate bill, most of the other with concern is locused on the Senate bill, most of the other issues potentially damaging to cable have virtually disappeared, at least for the near future, said John Kornreich, who follows the media companies for Sandler Capital, an investment firm. These past problems included interest rates, which are no longer rising but falling, and competition from direct broadcast satellites and the regional telephone companies.

The drop in interest rates has allowed most cable operators to refinance their debt at much lower costs. In the last several months, for example, Tele-Communications has refinanced close to \$1 billion of debt, probably saving about \$30 million in interest over a year ago, Mr. Kornreich estimates. The company has been piling up long-term debt rather than depend on bank debt.

SIDE from taking advantage of lower interest rates, Tele-A Communications has raised in years by at least 35 percent. Communications has raised its cash flow over the last two Comcast was able to finance its \$1.5 billion acquisition of

Metrophone, a cellular-telephone company, more attractively than it might have a year ago. Moreover, the pay-per-view segment of cable, which allows cable subscribers to pay to watch movies on impulse, is growing. It would

not be subject to regulation, since it is not part of the basic cable offering. Indeed, in its fourth quarter earnings, Time-Warner Inc. for the first time cited pay-per-view revenue as a noteworthy contributor to the profitability of its cable operations.

As cable operators upgrade their systems, more channels will be available, including more allocated to pay per view.

The recession has slowed cable's growth somewhat, but not as

much as had been feared. "We follow 50 cable companies," Mr. Kornreich said. "Every one had a record year of cash flow. At

least 80 percent had double-digit growth."

Meanwhile, direct-broadcast satellites, once viewed as a serious threat to cable, have not proved to be much competition. And the telephone companies appear more likely to form joint ven-tures with cable than to challenge it.

Thus if there is a compromise on the Senate bill, the cable stocks probably would react favorably. The House still has to come up with its version of cable reregulation. But based on a moderate: bill it : passed in 1990, the House will not be as aggressive as the Senate. Then the matter would go to a compromise committee. President George Bush has said that he will veto

John Reidy, who follows the cable industry for Smith Barney, said he believed Mr. Bush was likely to accept reasonable legislation. "He has no particular interest in the cable industry, but he has a strong vested interest in preserving his role as a deregula-tionist," Mr. Reidy said. "If adversaries of cable want to get anything through, it has to be something both the president and the industry can live with."

# Ford's Record Loss Deepens Auto Woes

DEARBORN, Michigan — Ford Motor Co. on Thursday reported a loss of \$2.3 billion for recession-hit 1991, the largest in

the company's history. The results offer more proof that 1991 was the most miserable year in U.S. automotive history. Last week Chrysler Corp. reported a huge 1991 loss; the industry giant General Motors Corp. will reveal how much money it

lost this month.

The Ford and Chrysler losses were generally in line with what Wall Street analysts had expected. Including GM's anticipated shortfall, analysts expect the Big Three's combined losses for 1991 to total nearly \$7 billion. Ford's overseas outomotive operations lost \$970 million last year, compared with a \$116 million in profit in 1990. Ford gained a bit of market share in Britain, a critical market for

the antomaker's overseas operations. Despite the increased market share, Ford of Britain was a heavy contributor to the company's overall red ink, reporting that its pretax loss more than doubled, to £590 million (\$1.05 billion).

The losses include £160 million from the

huxury carmaker Jaguar, whose ownership was transferred to the U.S. parent in November, Ford said profit from its financial opera

tions jumped 22 percent last year to \$927.5 million, blunting losses in its auto operations. Ford said it had a loss of \$476 million in the fourth quarter of 1991 alooe, and the chairman, Harold Poling, said the second-

largest U.S. automaker continued to face many of the difficulties it encountered last

"Many of the problems that affected us in 1991 are continuing into 1992; soft economies, intense competition and excess industry capacity," he said in a statement accompany-

ing the earnings report.

But he said the company's cost-cutting efforts were having a beneficial effect. The annual loss compared with a profit in 1990 of \$860.1 million. The quarterly results were a slight improvement from the year-earlier loss of \$518.5 million.

#### Big 3's Sales Jump

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches DETROIT - Sales of North Americanmade cars and trucks jumped 23.6 percent in early February as the Big Three automakers grabbed a larger chunk of the U.S. market from their Japanese rivals, according to fig-

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp., together commanded 87.4 percent of the market in the week ending Feb. 10, up from 84.2 percent a year ago. Japan's share of the market for U.S. built

autos shrank to 12.6 percent from 15.8 percent. The figures, which coincided with a growing "Buy American" campaign, offered hope that U.S. consumers were beginning to feel more confident. (AP. Reuters)

Ford said its revenue fell nearly 10 percent in both the quarter and the year. For the year, revenue fell to \$88.3 billion, from \$97.7 billion. The company said as U.S. automotive op-

erations had a loss of \$506 million in the quarter, an improvement from the \$583 miltion loss in the 1990 period.

But for the entire year, its U.S. automotive operations had a loss of \$2.2 billion, comared with a \$17 million loss in 1990. Ford's share of the U.S. market was 20.1 percent last year, down one percentage point.

The carmaker's annual loss included a \$93 million charge taken in the first quarter to cover costs associated with personnel reduc-tions, including early retirement payments.

Before 1991, Ford's worst year was 1980, when it posted a loss of \$1.5 billion, Just three years ago, Ford reported a record profit for the industry, of \$5.3 billion.
Since then, however, Ford and the rest of

the auto industry have hit the skids.

Last week, Chrysler Corp. reported a 1991 operating loss of \$665 million. The No. 3 momaker said that its full-year results were capped by a \$30 million fourth-quarter deficit, not counting profits from selling its share in a joint carmaking venture.

Big Three sales last year fell 126 percent from 1990 as their share of the U.S. market fell by a percentage point to 70.1 percent.

Auto executives and economists have forecast a modest recovery taking hold in the second half of this year.

**Profit Fall** 

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LONDON - British Petro-

leum Co. said Thursday that

recession and lower oil prices

had pushed its fourth-quarter and full-year 1991 earnings

BP said poor business con-

ditions would continue and,

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cided as a result not to raise its

dividend for the quarter that ended Dec. 31. The stock slid

10 pence to 274 pence. Net income measured on a

replacement-cost basis, which

strips out gains and losses on

oil stocks arising from price

changes, fell to £72 million (\$129 million) in the fourth quarter from £456 million in the year-earlier period. Over

the year, oet income dropped

to £1 billion from £1.2 billion

BP said its poor fourth-

quarter performance reflected

the effects of recession on re-

fining and marketing and on

chemicals more than lower oil

prices. The company said oil prices were likely to remain

weak and all its operations

would have to cut costs.

sharply lower.

# IBM Will Make **Major Push Into** Supercomputers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - IBM announced Thursday that it was opening a laboratory devoted to designing computers that platoon hundreds or thousands of chips to gain dramatic increases in speed — a technique known as massively

parallel computing. be brought to market by early next year. "We look forward to expand-ing this technology into new systems capable of meeting our customers' ever-increasing appetite for more and more computational power," said Jack D. Kuehler, pres-ident of International Business

Machines Corp.
IBM's new lab, called the Highly
Parallel Supercomputing Systems
Laboratory and based in Kingston, New York, will draw on the re-sources of IBM's mainframe computer, workstation and research divisions, the company said.

The lab marks IBM's entry into a niche market it had previously avoided. Supercomputers are used for highly complicated scientific calculations, such as long-range weather forecasting, pharmaceuti-cal modeling and aircraft design. Traditional supercomputers

used one or a handful of very powerful, custom-designed processors, whereas parallel machines use mass-produced microprocessors. Such supercomputers were once considered radical experiments on

ne fringe of computer research. IBM's announcement signals that it believes the time has come to bring massively parallel computing into the mainstream market.

IBM's stock rose \$1.875 Wednesday, to \$92,125, and gained a further 25 cents in Thursday trading,

But IBM's plan is not without peril, nor was the company's decision arrived at without internal debate. "We've had our own passionate arguments in supercomputing," said Irving Władawsky-Berger. IBM's assistant general manager for supercomputing, "We've had a lot of churn and debate over what is the right direction to go."

The risk for IBM is that massively parallel computing will crode the market for traditional mainframe computers, where IBM is dominant and draws most of its profits. But

oceds of its customers, IBM found itself forced to take the risk. Veteran computer makers like

NCR Corp., now a subsidiary of American Telephone & Telegraph Co., and start-ups like Kendall Square Research, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, are developing massively parallel systems for the type of transactions that banks and air-lines do and where IBM dominates. IBM's announcement is seen as a

"This is a red-letter day for mas sively parallel processing," said Danny Hillis, co-founder of Think-ing Machines Corp. of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and one of the first designers of such systems. "The customers are out in front of the vendors on this and this is moving

The new IBM laboratory will produce a family of massively parallel supercomputers based oo IBM's RISC System 6000 work station, which is a powerful desktop computer that uses reduced instruction-set computing — a sys-tem of simplifying hardware in or-der to make each instruction run as

faster than anyone thought it

quickly as possible. 1BM has been casting around for a strategy in the rapidly growing market for technical and scientific computing, and industry executives said Thursday's announcement represented an important move toward unleashing its advanced RISC technology in a powerful enough form to challenge conventional supercomputers.

IBM is planning to introduce its first massively parallel machines for use in scientific computing. But the new laboratory will also focus oo more advanced projects that will lead to computers capable of trillions of mathematical operations a second.

Massively parallel compoters differ from traditional machines in that they tie together hundreds or thousands of processors and break problems into small pieces to solve them more quickly. For example, a massively parallel machine might forecast weather by computing the changes in thousands of small regions simultaneously and passing information between oeighboring processors. (NYT, AP)

# Jobs Data Dim U.K. Hopes

## Recovery Looks More Elusive as Unemployment Surges

By Erik Ipsen

onal Herald Tribuni

LONDON — Any hope of an economic recovery lurking just over the British horizon vanished on Thursday with the news that unemployment in January had surged by a seasonally adjusted 53,000.

The oumbers were rather more unpleasant than people had been going for," said Robin Aspinall, semor economist at Schroder Economics. In fact, the rise was close to twice what had been widely expected. It now brings British unemployment to 2.6 million, or 9.2 percent of the work force.

While economists have long agreed that unemployment is a lagging indicator — that joblessness traditionally rises well into an economic upswing — Thursday's figures were so bad that they appeared to confirm fears that recovery is nowhere to be found. The increase, the biggest since August 1991 when

adjusted imemployment rose by 55,900, is "clearly disappointing," said Employment Secretary Michael The disappointment was compounded by other gloomy economic news, Ford Motor Co.'s British subsidiary reported its worst full-year loss and British Petroleum's quarterly profit plummeted. Hanson PLC, one of Britain's 10 biggest companies, reported

the first year-on-year profit decline in the company's 29-year history. The company's chairman, Lord Hanson, reported "little sign of a recovery" in the markets in which it operates. What is more, British Aerospace's announcement the day before that it would cut 2,350 jobs following on the heels of last week's cuts at Ford of 2,100 jobs had economists wondering if they had been pessimis point cut in interest rates. tic enough. Partly to blame for the miscue is the fact

that unemployment had seemingly slowed its rise in

the last quarter of 1991, averaging a gain of about

Peter Warburton, an economist with Robert Fleming Securities, now calls that slowdown a statistical anomaly. "It is not a cheery message, but I think the January figure may not be the worst we see this year," be said. Many economists now predict monthly rises of 40,000 to 50,000 lasting through the year, with unemployment reaching close to 3 million by early

1993. At that point it is expected at last to decline. In the meantime, many economists looked at January's figures and at recent layoff announcements and predicted a "second wave" of unemployment. "Large companies seem to be reassessing bow long and how deep the recession will be," said Patrick

Foley, chief economic advisor at Lloyds Bank. Rather than hang on to their employees in the hope that order books will soon fatten, companies are fearing the wait may prove a long one and are now cutting back. The impact of January's surge in unemployment is

unusually hard to predict. Analysis agree that it will further damage consumer confidence and spending. But the big question is what impact it will have oot oo consumers' tastes for spending versus savings, but for Tories versus Labor in the general election many think could be held as soon as April.

"Most of the impact from these unemployment figures will be political, not economic," said David Kern, chief economist at National Westminster Bank. The betting in the City of London is that the jobless figures will force the chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, to announce an array of pump priming measures in his budget statement on March 10, and possibly even to follow that up with a half-

By all accounts, the British economy could use a good dose of both fiscal and monetary stimulus, Inter-See BRITAIN, Page 11

## given the competition and the processors. Colgate to Buy Mennen

In \$670 Million Deal

NEW YORK - Coigate-Palmolive Co. emerged Thursday as the victor in a contest to control Mennen Co., sealing a deal to buy the leading U.S. deodorant maker for \$670 million in stock and cash. Coleate said the acquisition of Mennen would enhance its \$1

billion worldwide sales of personal-care products.

Mennen, founded in 1878 by Gerhard Mennen and still controlled by the Mennen family, commands the top spot in the \$1.7 billion U.S. deodorant market with its Mennen Speed Stick products. It sells tolletries, including shaving lotion and baby-care products, under the brand names Baby Magic, Mennen Skin Bracer and Afta. Colgate makes Colgate toothpaste and toothbrushes, Irish Spring

and Palmolive soaps, Ajax cleanser and Fab detergent. Colgate has annual sales of \$6.1 billion, compared with Mennen's \$550 million.

The battle for Mennen pitted Colgate against Gillette Co., Kao Corp. of Japan, L'Oreal SA of France and Henkel KGaA of Germany. The Mennen family will receive about 7.5 percent of Colgate's common stock outstanding or 11 million shares, representing 80 percent of the purchase price. The remaining 20 percent will be in cash.

Mennen, based in Morristown, New Jersey, put itself up for sale last fall after no one in the family came forward to take charge. Analysis speculated that the company did not have the capital

needed to compete with giant rivals. Reuben Mark, Colgate chairman and chief execuove, said Mennen's brands "will complement and strengthen our global personal-care business" in North America, Latin America and Europe.

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Merrill Lynch Ready Assets

# SEC Enfranchises Stockholders on Executive Pay

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON - The Securities and Exchange Commission said Thursday that it had sent letters to 10 large U.S. corporations telling them to allow shareholders to vote on executive pay and related issues.

The agency's move reverses a long-standing policy and comes amid economic hard times that have placed some corporate executives under fire for their sky-high salaries. The SEC's chairman, Richard C. Breeden, made clear in a statement that he was acting in an attempt to ward off potentially more restrictive congres-

The action paves the way for shareholders around the United States to have a voice in how top executives are compensated. Any vote al-lowed shareholders would be nonbinding, but

could influence management to rein in the pay The SEC's letters were sent to International

Venezuela after the failed coup of Feb. 4.

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Venezuela Wins Back

By James Brooke New York Times Service

CARACAS -- Investor confidence and contracts are returning to

President Carlos Andres Perez has vowed to maintain orthodox, free-market economic policies, which last year helped to lower

Within hours of the coup attempt, local and foreign investors signed \$16 million in contracts to buy four state hotels, and U.S.-

based Eastman Kodak Co. signed a letter of intent to create a \$200 million joint production venture with a state petrochemical compa-

On Monday, a local investing group, H.L. Boulton SA, signed a

\$20 million contract to buy a state shipyard. And next week, Conoco

Inc. is to sign a joint venture to produce and to refine a heavy oil with

"There is not going to be any long-term damage to investment confidence because of the attempted coup attempt," predicted John

In the sensitive lourism sector, hotel reservations are returning to

Venezuela's oil industry, the second-largest supplier of oil to the

"We did not lose any production; we did not lose any exports; we

Billions of dollars of foreign investments are moving along pipe-

Judging by vague sympathies many people in Venezuela expressed

lines here, apparently unimpeded by the military uprising.

Foreign Investment

Business Machines Corp., Chrysler Corp., Bell Atlantic Corp., Eastman Kodak Co. and Grunman Corp. The other companies receiving letters were Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., Actna Life & Casualty Co., Equimark Corp., Battle Mountain Gold and Black Hills Corp.

Various shareholder proposals about senior executive compensation have been made in these companies; some have been pending for years. The SEC's letters ask the companies managements to include those proposals in their proxy materials for stockholder votes. Mr. Breeden said the idea was to "bring a

market solution to a market problem," by allowing management, directors and stockholders "to resolve the compensation questions in each company on a case-by-case basis without government regulation."

Mr. Breeden also announced that the SEC would propose for public comment revisions to proxy rules that would clarify and enhance the

disclosure of current compensation packages.

Under the new proposals, companies will be required to set forth in a new summary table both cash compensation and the present value of grants of stock or stock options in the year of grant. The proposed proxy rules will also require a comparison between changes in corporate performance over recent years and changes in CEO compensation, he said.

The proposed rules will also require boards to describe the criteria used in awarding incentive compensation.

Mr. Breeden said the SEC would also ask its chief accountant to work with the Financial Accounting Standards Board and other relevant bodies to study whether current accounting rules for grants of stock options were adequate.

Critics like Senator Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat, say accounting rules allow companies to keep the true value of the option plans off the bottom line. (Reuters. AP)

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#### MARKET DIARY

# **Limp Bond Auction Hurts Stock Prices**

NEW YORK - U.S. stock prices fell Thursday, pushed lower by disappointing demand at the by disappointing de final leg of the Treasury's \$36 bil-

hion quarterly refunding. The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 30.18 to 3.246.65 after setting an all-time high on Wednesday. The slide was led by Merck and Walt Disney.

New York Stock Exchange volume was an active 229.1 million

#### N.Y. Stocks

shares. Declining common stocks outnumbered advancers by a margin of about 2 to 1 The Treasury sold the \$10 billion

30-year bonds at an average yield of 7.91 percent with a coupon rate of 8 percent. About 29 percent of the bonds were taken at a high of

The auction wasn't great, and that triggered weakness in the stock market," said Edward Laux, head of block trading at Kidder, Peabody.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond stood at 7.90 percent in late trading up 9 basis points on the day. The sudden rise in interest rates triggered concern that the Federal Reserve may not ease cred-

it again. The rumors were fanned by the Commerce Department's report of a 0.6 percent rise in retail

sales in January.
Drug, health-care, international oil, telephone and food stocks were down the most Thursday. "People are taking money out of drug stocks and putting it in automobile stocks and other more economically sensitive sectors," Mr. Laux said.

Merck eased 2% to 151, Johnson Johnson dropped 3 to 102%, Pfizer fell 2% to 72 and Eli Lilly weakened 1% to 75%.

Cray Computer fell 1% to 6% on concern about increased competi-tion from International Business Machines Corp. and Cray Re-

British Petroleum slumped 31/4 to 59¼ after the company reported sappointing earnings.

Ford Motor gained % to 354 despite reporting a fourth-quarter loss of \$476 million, or \$1.03 a share. Ford also announced plans to cut another \$1 billion in overall costs during 1992.

Duty Free International tum-bled 6% to 44% after the Canadian vernment initiated steps to control the amount of U.S. goods bought by Canadian shoppers.

## SALES: Guarded Optimism in U.S.

#### (Continued from page 1)

disaster, and now we know it was merely bad," said Cynthia Latta of Data Resources Inc./McGraw-Hill. "With January, the number of mass layoff announcements is declining and I think confidence has bottomed out and sentiment lev-

Aubrey Zaffuto of AZ Advisory said that on close examination the figures were "not a sign of strength" although she thought

#### Foreign Exchange

they may be "basing out" or hitting bottom. Among the strongest gains were food and gasoline, which hardly power a recovery. The largest gain, 5.4 percent, occurred in building materials, which probably was a response to the Fed's discount rate ent in December.

While department store sales rose 2.1 percent last month, economists said most of the uptick was accounted for by merchants getting rid of their unsold inventory at deep discounts, a judgment confirmed by the advertisements for January sales in any daily American newspaper. Autos, which account for one-fifth of consumer de-mand, also moved up, by 0.6 percent, with the help of dealer

Sales of clothing fell by 0.6 percent in January and furniture by 2.6 percent, Ms. Zaffuto said. "And without a rebound there, you won't get a recovery," she added.

Among retailers themselves, the dominant mood was one of survival, mainly because store owners unlike economists compare sales yearover-year, and they are far better off now than during the Gulf War a year ago, when sales plummeted as much as 20 percent.

Joseph Siegel, vice president for merchandising of the National Retail Federation, reported: "The stores are in a good position be-cause stocks are lower, and we have had a nice little improvement over last year. But consumer confidence - or whatever you want to label it - is not very ebullient, and we haven't seen any major turnaround

#### ■ Data Send Dollar Higher

Fresh evidence of a rebound in the U.S. economy pushed the dol-lar sharply higher against the mark and other European currencies Thursday, Reuters reported.

Leading indicators are beginning to turn favorable for the U.S.," said William Arnold, vice president and chief dealer at Chemical Bank in New York.

The U.S. currency rose to 1.6230 Deutsche marks from 1.6073 Wednesday, and to 127.75 yen from 127.40 yen. The dollar gained to 1,459 Swiss francs from 1.440, and to 5.537 French francs from 5.455. The British pound sank to \$1.7727 from \$1.7885.

Earlier in London, the dollar ended at 1.6205 DM, up from 1.6100, and at 127.805 year, up from

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## OPEC Awaits Saudi Plan

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GENEVA - Saudi Arabia, the key player in OPEC's negotiations over a new production ceiling and country quotas, is expected to make its first proposals to other members when they meet Friday, sident, the Nigerian oil minister Jibril Aminit. Delegates had said earlier that Sandi Arabia's insistence on keeping a big share of OPEC's oil output was hampering ministers'

efforts to cut back production. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has been meeting in Geneva since Wednesday. In New York, West Texas intermediate crude added 40 cents, to \$19.67 a barrel, and in London, the Brent blend rose 15 cents to (Resters, Bloomberg)

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N.Y. Post Owner Seeks Daily News

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Kalikow, the real estate developer who publishes the New York Post, said Thursday he wants to buy the Daily News, a rival tabloid. "It is abundantly clear to me, and anyone familiar with the New York newspaper market, that the surest, and perhaps only opportunity for the Daily News's survival lies in combination with the New

York Post," Mr. Kalikow said. The News filed for bankruptcy protection Dec. 5, a month after its owner. Robert Maxwell, died at sea. Mortimer Zuckerman, publisher of U.S. News & World Report, has said he is interested in buying

## **Eckerd Gives Up Pursuit of Revco**

PITTSBURGH (Reuters) — Jack Eckerd Corp. withdrew its bid for rival drug-store chain Revco D.S. Inc. on Thursday, setting the stage for Revoo to emerge from more than three years in bankruptcy.

The withdrawal by Eckerd, five weeks after Rite Aid Corp. pulled its bid, means Revco is free to go forward with its own plan to reorganize with the help of a Chicago investment group. Eckerd is to be paid \$7.5

million for expenses involved in its offer. Revco sought court protection from creditors in July 1988, about two years after a \$1.3 billion leveraged buyout loaded it with debt. Since then, it has sold more than 700 stores in the Southeast and Midwest, leaving it with 1,150 in 10 Eastern states. Rite Aid and Eckerd, two big competitors, sought to acquire Revco, which has tried to remain independent

Last month, creditors voted on reorganization plans offered by all three chains, but none received sufficient backing to succeed. On Jan. 30, chains, but none received sufficient backing to succeed. On Ian. 30, Zell/Chilmark Fund, a Chicago-based limited partnership, reached an agreement to boost Revco's plan by providing up to \$250 million in cash to creditors who were to receive new Revco stock. If the plan goes through, Zell/Chilmark will hold about 30 percent of the reorganized Revco.

#### **Drexel Sues Imprisoned Executives**

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. sued two former executives who went to prison for their roles in the insider-trading scandal of the 1980s that forced the firm into bankruptcy proceedings.

Drexel, joined by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Resolution Trust Corp., filed suit against Martin A. Siegel and Dennis B. Levine, both of whom had been merger specialists at the firm in the mid-1980s. The executives were sent to prison after pleading guilty to securities crimes stemming from their relationships with Ivan F. Boesky, the speculator.

Drexel said Mr. Levine and Mr. Siegel breached their duties to the firm by breeking the law and commany policy. Because of their illegal

by breaking the law and company policy. Because of their illegal activities, the company said it has suffered enormous losses and is the target of numerous lawsnits by investors and companies whose stock was affected by the illegal trades. The suit, filed in federal court in New York, seeks unspecified damages.

### Banc One Wins New Hampshire Deal

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (Combined Dispatches) — Banc One Corp. won a bid to manage \$1 billion in assets from seven failed New Hampshire banks, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Thursday.

The agency said it accepted a bid by Banc One Management & Consulting Corp. over three other offers to manage the assets of the seven banks. The assets are from Amoskeag Bank, BankEast, Nashna Trust, Bank Meridian, Dartmouth Bank, Numerica Savings Bank and New Hampshire Savings Bank. The banks had aggregate assets of \$4.9 billion when they failed last October.

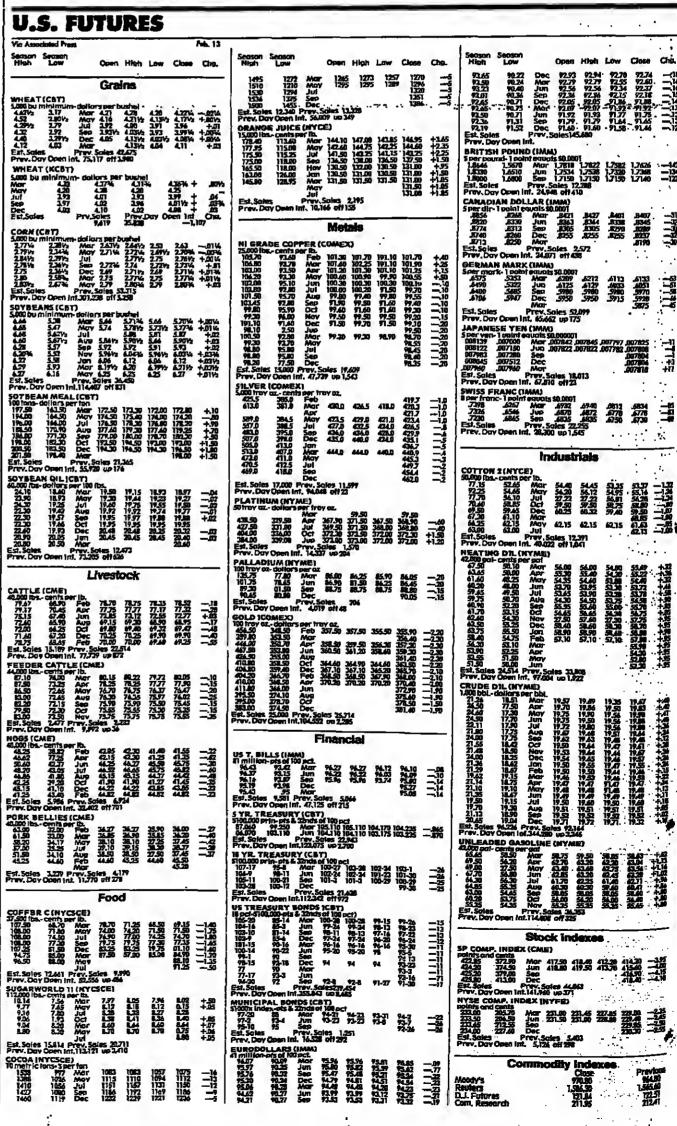
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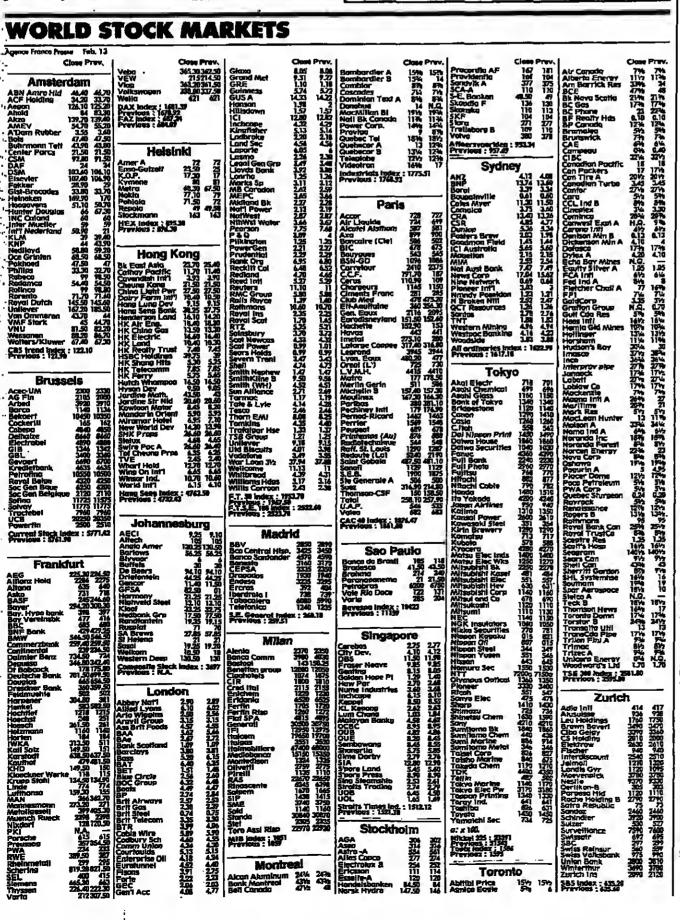
over five years, with the agency reimbursing the Banc One for the cost of managing and servicing the assets.

Servicing bad loans has become a lucrative business since the enormous bank failures in Texas in the mid-1980s. Banks structure their bids so the more loans they collect the higher their face. Liquidation so the more loans they collect, the higher their fees. Liquidation and foreclosure of homes has been become a campaign issue in New Hamp-(Bloomberg, AP) shire's presidential primary.

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Kiev Cashes Out of Russian Economy By Louis Uchitelle
New York Times Service

KIEV — As its economy separates from that of Russia, the Ukraine's government has given birth to an unannounced national currency that has added impetus to the split. The new bills, which are the size of Monop-

oly money and called coupous, were original ly issued as ration tickets that entitled Ukrainians to purchase the republic's limited supplies of food and other essentials. Payment was in Russian rubles. But with

Russia's reported failure in January to supply Ukraine with enough ruble notes, officials here transformed the coupons into cash. A month into this process, the Ukrainian government is acknowledging that the conpons are in fact a national currency, created at least five months before the government

had intended to issue one. "I suppose you have to call the coupons money, although they are not officially a currency," said Leonid G. Steshenko, first deputy prime minister for foreign economic relations. The new currency, when it comes,

will be the hryvnia.
In Moscow, President Boris N. Yeltsin's government raised no objections to the debut of the coupon as a national currency, but Nikolai Domonov, a deputy at Russia's Cen-tral Bank, criticized the ad hoc procedure. "If the Ukrainians are going to operate as a separate unit," he said, "then their central

for coupons, and send the rubles back to our central bank." The central bank could then withdraw them from circulation, Mr. Domonov said. Instead, as coupons become widely used, the rubles they replace are already beginning to flow into Russia, faeling inflation there. Whatever the official status, this republic

of 53 million people now is operating with

-est-rate cuts, however, have been

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Many economists had predicted that British interest rates would be-

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however, were derailed by the predicted a series of tax cuts and

bank should draw in the rubles, in exchange

slowly disappearing, and the coupons. Having been printed as ration tickets, the coupons bear neither the national seal nor serial numbers. But as of this week, half of each Ukrainian's wage is paid in coupons.

Many products now are priced in coupons.

The conception of our government is 10 use the coupon only as cash, and not for

Ration coupons become Ukrainian currency, supplanting the ruble, as a split from Moscow becomes increasingly

commercial payments through bank transfers, but that won't be possible," said Oleksander V. Savchenko, deputy governor of the

Ukramian National Bank "A restaurant that collects in coupons from customers has to be able to deposit this

money and pay bills. In one month, the coupon will be a complete currency."

The rise of the coupon as a national currency appears to go against the wishes of Western governments and of the International

Monetary Fund. Although the Ukrainian government had often said it would introduce the hryvnia this spring or summer, the Western hope was that before that happened, Russia and Ukraine would somehow agree to common economic policies, with the ruble as their currency. The Western view is that a common cur-

rency would promote trade and economie ties

incentives that would total £4 to £5

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In spite of the gloomy news on

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BRITAIN: Jobs Data Dash Hopes for Early Recovery

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an economically and politically painful position that sparked a confrontation between the French

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two currencies: the Russian ruble, which is among the former Soviet republics, helping keep the Commonwealth of Independent States together.

The unscheduled transformation of the coupon appears to be an irreversible shove toward separation of the Russian and Ukrainian economies, said Mr. Steshenko, the first

deputy prime minister. Other frictions have also driven the two apart, among them a drop in Russian gasoline and timber shipments to Ukraine, and a fall in Ukrainian food shipments to Russia.

The coupon's new role came as a result of a decision by Mr. Yeltsin to lift most price ceilings on Jan. 2 and Ukraine's decision to follow suit eight days later.

For weeks before, coupons had been used only as ration tickets to block sales to non-Ukrainians, particularly Russians, who crossed the border to purchase goods at prices often lower than in Russia. The coupons were given only to Ukrainian wage

earners - one coupon for each ruble in pay. Using coupons only to limit sales to Ukrainians would have continued, officials here said, if Russia had complied with a Ukrainian request for more than 18 billion in ruble notes to finance the higher prices and higher wages that were decreed in both republics.

But Mr. Yeltsin's government provided fewer than 4 billion rubles, Ukrainian officials said. Russian officials contend that they supplied Ukraine with enough rubles, a reply that raises the possibility the Ukrainian gov-

ernment sought an excuse to create a national currency without the formalities of waiting until the hryvnia could be printed and issued.

Whatever the case, starting on Jan. 10, Ukraine stopped paying salaries cotirely in rubles and switched to paying 25 percent in coupons and 75 percent in rubles; now the

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now forecast growth in the economy beginning in the second quarter 31, to £226 million (\$406 million)

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## **Unilever Plans to Sell Animal-Feed Business** Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — Unilever Group said Thursday that it would sell most of its agribusiness interests in order to focus on its consumerproduct brands, and analysts said the sale could bring in as much as £200 million (\$358 million).

Unilever said the businesses for sale had revenue of around £500 million in 1990. It will make an extraordinary after-tax charge of around £60 million to be included in its 1991 results due this month. Industry analysts said the ani-

mal-feed sector had turned flat and Unilever was wise to focus on more profitable areas such as food and beverages, detergents, personal products and specialty chemicals. The businesses put up for sale include Britain's leading animal-feed group, BOCM-Silcock; Ma-

operates salmon farms in Scotland feed operation Malta Clayton; Un-

million in 1990 and has a leading 20 percent share of the animal-feed market in Britain.

Analysis said possible buyers include Dalgety PLC, Cargill Inc. and Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA. Unilever will retain Plant Breeding International Cambridge, a biotechnology operation, as well as its tea and oil-palm plantation in-

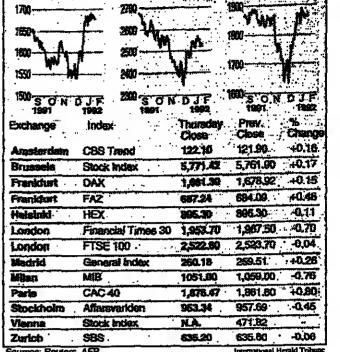
"The European feed industry saw a big increase in production in the 1970s, a slowdown in the 1980s and I think the 1990s will be stagnant," said Jan Blom, a feed expert at the Dutch Institute of Agricul-

tural Economics. Although there is some scope for growth in southern Europe as more intensive livestock methods are adopted, this will be offset by declines in the north, Mr. Blom said.

rine Harvest International, which Unilever is the world's thirdlargest food company, with such brands as Birds Eye and Flora, and ilever's 76 percent holding in AMI, leader in personal products, including and shrimp farms in Malaysia and the Calvia Klein label. The companion Ivory Coast.

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#### Very briefly:

 Audi AG, the luxury-car unit of Volkswagen AG, said 1991 sales rose 16 percent, to more than 14 billion Deutsche marks (\$8.74 billion), boosted

by strong German results that overcame weakness elsewhere. Siemens Nixdorf Informationssysteme AG won an 80 million DM order for accounting software systems from Dentsche Bundespost Postbank.

First SpA said its Iveco NV unit signed a letter of intent for a venture with Tatra of Czechoslovakia to assemble Iveco vehicles and eventually produce a range of trucks and industrial vehicles in Czechoslovakia.

 Alcatel Alsthom, the French communications, energy and transport company, said sales rose 11.0 percent in 1991, to 159.9 billion francs (\$29.3 billion), and that orders accelerated in the final quarter. Hachette SA, the French publishing concern, said 1991 sales rose 1.3

percent, to 30.46 billion francs, with rises in audio-visual and distribution units overcoming falls in publication and book operations.

Compagnie des Machines Bull, the French state-controlled computer company, said 1991 sales fell 3.2 percent, to 33.4 billion francs.

Chrysalis Group PLC's chairman, Chris Wright, dropped plans to bid about 95 pence (\$1,70) a share for the 53 percent of the entertainment company he does not already own because that price would be too low. Dyno Industrier A/S, the Norwegian chemicals and explosives company, said its 1991 profit fell 78.9 percent, to 52 million kroner (\$8.3 million) because of a weak world economy and restructuring charges.

#### ICI to Stop Making CFCs by 1995

LONDON - Imperial Chemical Industries PLC, Britain's biggest

1986 to 40,000 tons last year, a spokesman said Wednesday.

CFCs are the main industrial chemical that depletes the earth's

protective ozone layer. The European Community has set a 1997 compul-

# West German Economy

**Skirting a Recession?** 

FRANKFURT — Berlin's DIW economic institute predicted Thursday that gross national product in the former West Germany would show no real growth in the first three months of 1992

compared to the same period last year. Coming on top of a dismal batch of statistics so far this month, including falling retail sales, industrial production and orders, the forecast suggests an economy in trouble.

Official figures indicate the economy in the west, which accounts for

all but a fraction of German output, contracted in the previous three quarters. By the normally accepted definition, two consecutive quarters of falling GNP would indicate Western Germany is in a recession.

But German economists insist that a true recession would require a full year of negative growth. "I would not call it a recession up to now," said Heiner Flassbeck at the DIW. "Anyway, the quarterly movements in GNP are so small that it's very difficult to interpret them as anything but stagnation."

### Dividend Rumors Hit Bayer Stock

FRANKFURT — The stock price of Bayer AG tumbled Thursday on rumors, later denied, that the German chemical giant would cut its 1991 dividend and that its fourth-quarter profit fell by more than 10 percent.

Bayer shares fell 6.10 Deutsche marks to 294.20 DM (\$182), pulling the broader market down with them. But the share price recovered slightly in after-bours trading after a company spokesman denied the rumors. He (a Labor victory.

U.K. and the U.S. which have afficiently a said fourth-quarter earnings fell by less than 10 percent from a year carlier and added that profit after nine months, down 4 percent, did not signal a need to cut the 13 DM dividend.

producer of chlorofluorocarbons, says it expects to phase out its production of the ozone-destroying chemicals by the end of 1995.

The company had halved its production of CFCs, used in aerosols, refrigeration and air-conditioning systems, from 80,000 metric tons in

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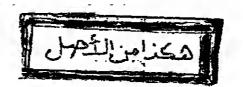
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The recent pattern of huge

monthly expansion in the surplus is

about over," said Kazuko Mizuno, an economist at Baring Securities (Japan) Ltd. "We could start socing

some improvement in the surplus as early as the second quarter."

big increase in its overall trade sur-

plus for calendar 1991, to \$78.23

billion from \$52.15 billion in 1990.

In the January figures, one

bright piece of news for Japanese trade negotiators was that the sur-

plus with the United States wid-

ened only slightly to \$2.45 billion, from \$2.40 billion in January 1991.

Japanese car exports to the Unit-ed States, the center of increasing

trade tension, fell 12.3 percent from a year earlier. Some 75 per-cent of the bilateral trade imbal-

Last month, Japan announced a

pace of its growth would slow and the figure for all 1992 should be drop can be blamed on sharp oilprice increases just prior to the Gulf War a year ago that make They said that the surplus would recent import figures look small in

Donald Kimball, senior economist at Mitsubishi Bank, also noted that last year, Japan had imposed a surcharge on oil imports that took

importers looking to avoid the tax. of art and European cars. With oil's dampening effect on

With oil's dampening effect on imports are going to remain imports likely to subside as early as weak for at least the first six months next month and the economy wide- of the year," said Paul Summerville, ly expected to rebound by this summer, some economists expect 4 to 5 percent import growth for all of

1992, helping to cap the surplus. The kind of product Japan buys abroad, however, is likely to change. Goods basic to an expanding economy like raw materials should domi-

#### rities in Tokyo. "I would look for growth in the surplus to plateau within B month or two." The current slow domestic demand also spurs exports, because Japanese companies try to make up for lost revenue and excessive ca-

mists said. In January, exports climbed 9.7 percent on an annual basis 10 \$23.94 billion, gaining for the 20th straight month. Growth was stronger than expected, largely because of sales of ships.

pacity with higher exports, econo-

economist at Jardine Flemine Secu-

Export growth should start to pick up by midyear, economists said, but the size of any increase will hinge on the strength of the U.S. economy, which buys about one-third of Japanese goods sold abroad.

Japan's surplus with the European Community, also politically sen-sitive, rose 34.5 percent to \$2.16 billion in January, largely as a result of strong car exports.

Asia, n part of the world that has not complained much about Japa-nese trade practices, bought only 2.9 percent more goods in January than B year earlier. This time a year ago, exports to Asia were surging by more than 30 percent a month. (Reuters, UPI, AFP, Bloomberg)

## **NEC Slashes Estimate** Of Earnings by 29%

TOKYO - NEC Corp., Japan's percent. largest producer of semiconductors and a diversified global electronics producer, revised its earnings proection for the 1991-92 financial year down to 100 billion yen (\$79

million) on Thursday. That would represent a 28.8 percent decline from the previous year and a 26 percent drop from the company's earlier projections.

The revision was due to sagging sales of personal computers in Ja-pan and the United States and a larger-than-expected decline in prices of dynamic random-access down from an earlier projection of memory semiconductors, an NEC 3.9 trillion yen and 50 billion yen. official said.

The figure is based on projected sales of 3.07 trillion yen, a decline of 4 percent, said the official, who

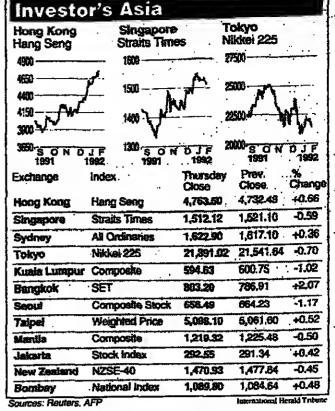
asked not to be identified. After-tax profit is now expected cial said.

NEC had previously projected sales at 3.17 trillion yen and aftertax profit at 60 billion yen.

The company did not release a projection for earnings per share, but had previously said that the 135 billion in current profit broke down to 23,43 ven per share. Based on that figure, the new projection would appear to yield roughly 17

yen per share. On a consolidated basis, NEC is projecting sales of 3.8 trillion yen and net profit of 30 billion yen,

Based on the lower projection, NEC plans to cut back on its plant and equipment expenditures in the current calendar year to 250 billion yen, from 260 billion yen, the offi-



#### Very briefly:

 India produced 747 million kilograms (1.64 billion pounds) of tea in
 1991, the largest harvest since the British introduced the crop a century ago, Press Trust of India reported.

• Pioneer Electric Corp. posted a 5.5 percent decline in consolidated net profit, to 12.5 billion yen (\$100 million), in the three months to Dec. 31, on sales that rose 6 percent to 105 billion yen.

 Taiwan cut oil product prices to boost industrial competitiveness, with 15 basic products falling by between 2.9 percent and 7.6 percent.

Air India confirmed a newspaper report that it and Indian Airlines, the domestic carrier, would be able to offer stock to the public under a government plan to amend a 39-year-old law.

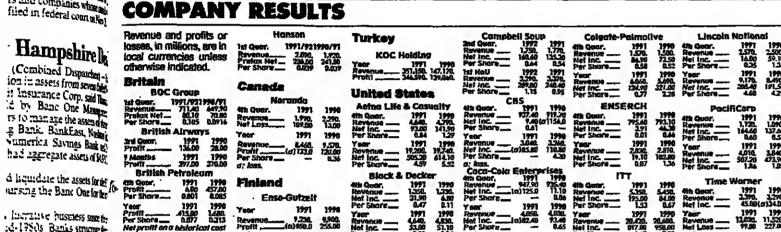
· Clarion Co. of Japan will market B combination car-stereo/mobiletelephone system, CAL 1000, in the United States and Canada in June. • A China National Offshore Oil Corp. officer said China was ready to invite foreign oil companies to prospect in the East China Sea.

· Shiseido Co. said it would begin selling its products in Portugal in response to growing demand for cosmetics in Europe. Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. will present a proposal to Pakistan's oil

ministry this month for construction of a refinery to handle 4 million tons a year in northeastern Pakistan, a ministry official said. Life insurers in Singapore would be allowed to invest a maximum of 35 percent of their funds in equities and 20 percent in real estate under

· Sumitomo Chemical Co. posted an 8.1 percent decline in net profit for 1991, to 15.2 billion yen, on sales that eased 2.2 percent to 701 billion yen.

#### the economy and revive the stock market being drawn up by a ruling Liberal Democratic Party panel on economic policy, which will be unveiled on Friday, Mr. Nakamura said. ance involves autos and auto parts. Imports, hobbled by Japan's



Big 4 Brokers Unveil Plan

TOKYO - Japan's Big Four brokers on Thursday unveiled

proposals to revive weak stock prices and slumping turnover but said

none of them amounted to quick remedies.

The proposals, which the four will submit to the Japan Securities

Dealers Association, include recommendations that firms increase

dividends and lower minimum transaction units, and that the gov-

"We are sorry that the proposals do not include any major quick remedies," said Tsuneo Nakamura, managing director of Yamaichi

In addition, the Big Four brokers, which also include Nomura,

Daiwa and Nikko Securities, urged that the government increase the

upper limits of shareholdings by institutional investors and allow

The proposals are not connected with recommendations to boost

ernment reduce taxes on stock trading.

companies to buy back their own stock.

To Boost Tokyo Market

#### Vietnam to Reduce Quota Burden

Russia Said to Reconsider

Sakhalin Oil Deal Award

TOKYO - A Russian and a Japanese newspaper have reported

that Moscow may reconsider the award of a contract for a feasibility

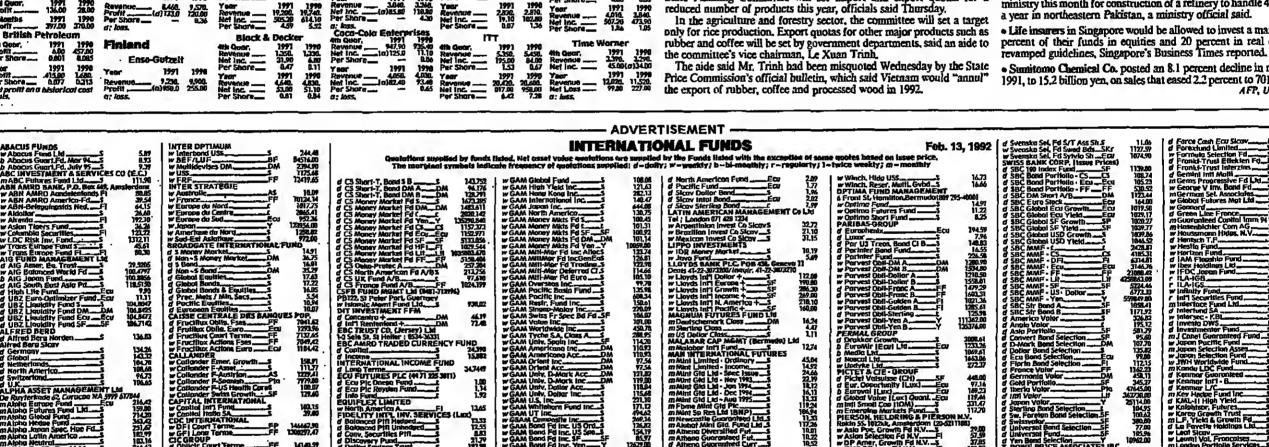
study of oil and gas drilling on the Far East island of Sakhalin,

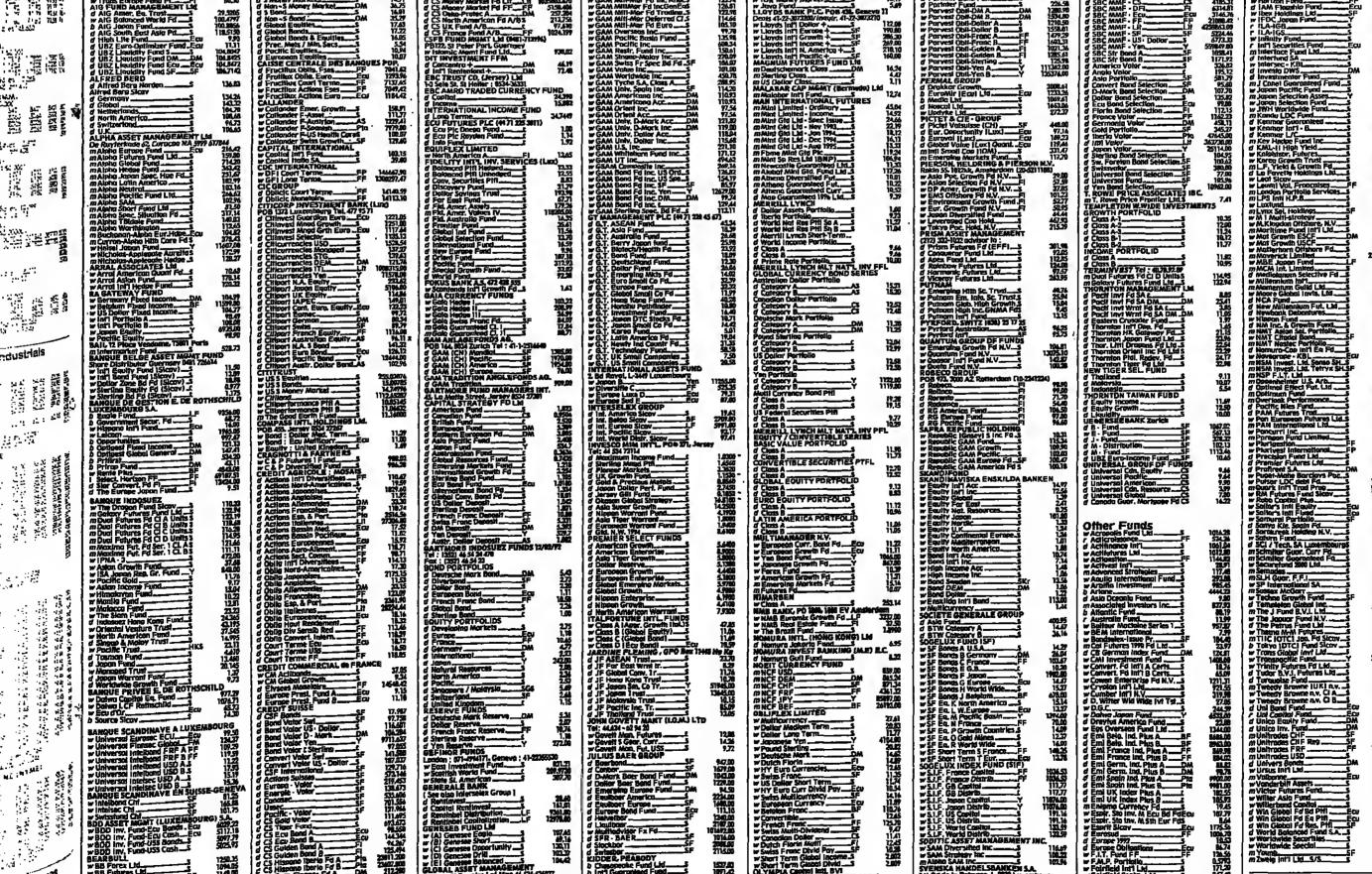
heightening uncertainty surrounding the project.

The Russian government awarded the contract on Jan. 28 to a consortium composed of the Japanese trader Mitsui & Co., the midsized American driller Marathon Oil Co., a subsidiary of USX Corp., and the U.S. engineering company McDermout International Inc. The entire project is estimated to be worth \$8 to \$10 billion.

The papers reported Russia had set up a committee under its Supreme Council to begin selection of the companies once again.

HANOI - lo a step toward economic decentralization, Vietnam's State Planning Committee will set import and export quotas for a reduced number of products this year, officials said Thursday.





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## **SPORTS**

# Arbitrator Says No to Elster, **But Pena and Daniels Say Yes**

NEW YORK --- Alejandro Pena and Kal Daniels agreed to one-year contracts as baseball owners ex-tended their arbitration winning streak to six with a victory by the New York Mets over the shortstop Kevin Elster.

The arbitrator, Robert Creo, deciding his first case, awarded Elster \$760,000 rather than the player's request for \$1.35 million. His loss neant owners are 8-2 in cases decided thus far.

Elster made \$760,000 last season. when he started slowly following shoulder surgery, hitting .241 with six homers and 36 runs batted in.

Pena, a star of Atlanta's pennant drive, agreed to \$2.65 million, a raise of \$1.65 million. After the Braves acquired him from the Mets on Aug. 28, he went 11-for-11 in save situations and was 2-0 with a 1.40 earned run average. He saved three games during the National League playoffs, but was the losing pitcher in Game 7 of the World Series against Minnesota.

Pena, 8-1 overall with 15 saves and a 2.40 ERA, became a free agent following the Series, but re-

Rangers' New Ballpark:

'Cozy,' But Still 'Texan'

ARLINGTON, Texas - Baseball fans have been given a look at

Construction begins in May: the first ball is to be thrown ont in

the new home of the Texas Rangers, a park described as "very Texan" and "cozy," where the spectators will be close to the action.

"It's very Texan, and will be a cozy ballpark where you are right on top of the action," the Rangers' owner, George W. Bush, said Wednesday. "It will have a lot unique sightlines and nooks and crannies that will carry a lot of tradition. It will be a hallpark where heroics will

remain alive. You will be close enough to hear the pop of a mitt."

unsigned outfielder Ruben Sierra would enjoy.

baseballs, stars and an outline of the state.

The park, as yet unnamed, will have a short right-field porch that

The Rangers "home run" porch in right field will be similar to the one in Boston's Fenway Park. Fans will be shaded by a roof.

"We sacrificed some earned run averages for fan enjoyment there," said Bush, who is the son of President George Bush.

There will be a small section in the right-field corner that is only 325 feet (98 meters) from home plate. The right-field sence will be eight seet

The outside of the park will have arches with Texas longhorns and

turned to the Braves on Dec. 19 by accepting the arbitration offer. He had asked for \$2.95 million and Atlanta had offered \$2.1 million. Daoiels, who was paid \$2,025,000 in 1991, agreed at \$2.5

million, well below his midpoint of \$2,875,000. The 28-year-old out-fielder, who hit 249 with 17 home runs and 73 RBIs last season, had asked for \$3.5 million; the Dodgers had offered \$2.25 million.

Los Angeles acquired outfielder Eric Davis from Cincinnati during the off-season and has been discussing possible trades involving Daniels, who has feuded with Darryl Strawberry during the winter.

California reliever Mark Eichhorn agreed to a one-year deal with an option for a guaranteed \$1.9 million. Eichhorn, who was paid \$680,000 last season, gets \$1.75 million this season and the Agres have an option for 1993 at \$2 million with a \$150,000 buyout. He also can earn \$110,000 in appearance bonuses each year.



Kerin Elster struck out in his Four other players settled Kevin Essier struck out in ins Wednesday, leaving 31 left in arbitration with the Mets, gettration with seven hearing days reting only what he got last year.

> Cleveland shortstop Felix Fermin agreed at \$950,000, a raise of \$375,000, while the Mets agreed with two players; catcher Mackey Sasset and infielder Bill Pecota. Pecota, obtained from Kansas City in the Bret Saberhagen deal, settled at \$785,000, a raise of \$477,500. Sasser agreed to \$775,000, a raise of \$270,000.

### Navratilova Keeps Mum on Record Bid

The Associated Press CH1CAGO — Martina Navratikova prefers not to talk about her quest to capture a 158th singles title.

"I'd like to do it just so I don't have to talk about it any more," the second-seeded Navratilova said after defeating Halle Cioffi, 6-0, 6-0, in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Chicago oo Wednesday.

I try not to think about it, because I can't do it until I get to a final, but every tournament it's all people want to talk about" Navratilova is seeking her

12th Chicago title and the all-time record for the oumber of women's single titles -- one more than Chris Evert, who has retired from the game. Earlier, third-seeded Jana

Novotna overpowered Mari-anne Werdel, 6-2, 6-1, fourthseeded Zina Garrison beat Linda Harvey-Wild, 6-4, 7-6, and eighth-seeded Pam Shriver defeated Nicole Provis 6-0, 6-1, to reach the quarterfinals.



Martina Navratilova easily blanked Halle Cioffi, 6-0, 6-0.

# The Giants' Misdirected Way to San Jose

#### Club's Move Shows That San Francisco Is, in Fact, Only a Freeway Away

By Jay Mathews

S AN FRANCISCO — The collapse of the Soviet Union has helped to erase many geographical misconceptions in the Eastern Hemisphere. The announcement that the baseball Giants plan to move from San Francisco to

San Jose has done the same for the West. There are many good reasons for moving the Giants out of San Francisco. On its best nights,

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ber. The Giants once produced several dever radio spots making fun of the ballpark's rigors, but few fans had the energy to laugh when the seventh inning arrived and frozen hot dogs

clanked against their chattering teeth. San Jose is warmer and less windy, better for baseball, but it is a trivial matter of a few degrees, masking a great truth about two cities less than 50 miles (80 kilometers) apart.

When I was growing up in San Mateo, half-

way between these two ego-ridden municipalities, I thought there was a difference between them. San Francisco had the tall buildings and beautiful bridges and glittering lights that sub-tly told the date you took to North Beach that you were a man of the world. San Jose had metal shops and canneries where you could find summer work and back yards where you could enjoy barbecues with relatives.

San Jose's cuvy and energy long ago erased most of the distinctions, and in mid-1989 it even passed San Francisco in population. The 1990 census showed San Jose at 782,248 and San Francisco at 723,959. Today, both cities have the rich blend of immigrants and overpriced real estate and frenetic, upwardly mobile lifestyles that characterize much of oorthern

But thinking about the sameness of Bay Area life, a pleasant leveling born of rising living standards and still bealthy opportunities, is boring. San Franciscans are forbidden to be boring as if by mayorel decree. The citizens of San Jose abbor their old repotation as a subur-

S O, TO SAVE their self-images, people in both cities talk about the Giants' move as a

The San Jose Mercury-News, the liveliest oewspaper in northern California, and the San Francisco Examiner, a proud institution that always refers to its location as "The City," dramatized the dispute in an interesting way recently. Each paper published, side-by-side, commentary by Mercury-News columnist Pat Dillon and Examiner columnist Rob Morse.

They tried to be insulting. Morse called San lose's downtown "Play-Doh post-modern" and Dillon suggested that San Francisco make up for its loss of the Giants by adopting San Jose's

minor-league team.

The duel of words was most revealing in its relative gentleness and good nature. Dillon called San Francisco "a small city filled with zany humor," which for diversions "is still in a league by itself."

Their guilty little secret was that both lived in the same big town, and they knew it. Anyone reading between the lines would find each sending this message: As long as the Giants stay out of Los Angeles, everything will be fine.

### SIDELINES

## Trump Reportedly Seeks to Broker A Deal to Keep Tyson Out of Prison

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Donald Trump, the U.S. entrepreneur who was once a close adviser to Mike Tyson, wants to offer a multimillion-dollar deal to keep the former heavyweight boxing cham-

a multimillion-dollar deal to keep the former heavyweight boxing champioc out of jail, a newspaper reported Thursday.

Tyson was convieted Monday of raping an 18-year-old Miss Black America contestant and faces up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced oext mooth in Indianapolis. The New York Post reported that Trump would use his persuasive powers —and the millions Tyson would earn from an eventual bout with the current champion, Evander Holy-field—to set up a trust fund to benefit rape victims and a separate to the property of the set up a trust fund to benefit rape victims and a separate to the property of the property of the set up a trust fund to benefit rape victims and a separate to the property of field -- to set up a trust fund to benefit rape víctims and a separate trust fund for the woman Tyson raped in July.

"If Mike Tyson sits in jail and his earning power is cartailed, it is punitive for him but beneficial to 00 one," Trump was quoted as saying "I am saying Mike's share of a purse in a Holyfield match is millions of dollars. I am saying some agreed-upon portion of this, some large, large sum of mooey, could go to help people." Trump's spokesman declined to

comment on the report.

• Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford has granted a defense request to delay Tysoo's sentencing from March 6 to March 27. Defense attorney James H. Voyles Jr. filed the motion Wednesday saying the defense needed more time to prepare.

### Canseco Held for Attacking His Wife

MIAMI (UPI) - The Oakland Athletics outfielder Jose Canseco was arrested Thursday and charged with felony aggravated battery after trying to run his wife off the road.

The police said Canseco, 27, was released from the Dade County Jail after posting bond in the incident involving his estranged wife, Esther, 25. The police said the two were involved in an early-morning argument that escalated into a car chase, in which Canseco rammed his wife's BMW with his Porsche, causing \$10,000 damage. Canseco is to be ordered to appear in court within 60 days. The charge carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

#### Winds Force Cup Postponement

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The America's Cup defender series race between Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes and Bill Koch's Defiant was postponed on Wednesday due to winds of almost 30 knots. The race was rescheduled for Thursday.

The order of the Round 2 pairings remains the same, with the minth and fical race now scheduled for Tuesday.

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Although the 75-foot (22-meter) America's Cup class sloops are designed to sail in 30-knot winds, it was not worth the risk of breaking something, said the America's Foundation's starting helmsman, Dave

## Oilers and Cowboys to Play in Tokyo

NEW YORK (AP)—It will be Texas time in Tokyo on Aug. 2 when the Dallas Cowboys play the Houston Oilers in the National Football League's annual exhibition game in Japan.

It will be the NFL's fourth straight annual game in Japan and will be

played again in the Tokyo Dome.

The series of games in Tokyo began in 1989 with the Los Angeles Rams beating the San Francisco 49ers.

#### For the Record

Leroy Burrell, who has lost his world indoor 60-meter record to Andre Cason and been beaten by him twice this season, will try to get revenge at the Mobil Indoor Championships Feb. 28 at Madison Square Garden, it was announced Wednesday.

Lennart Johansson, president of UEFA, soccer's governing body in Europe, has threatened to bar the Commonwealth of Independent States from taking part in the European championship finals in Sweden in June because clubs in the former Soviet Union have been refusing to take part in a CIS championship.

#### "I call it Texana neo-Romanesque," said the architect, David Schwarz, "It will be brick and have a definite Texan look."

**BOOKS** 

#### AMONG THE THUGS

By Bill Buford, 317 pages. £14.99. Secker & Warburg, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 6RB; \$22.95, W. W. Norton & Co. Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10110, in May.

Reviewed by Katherine Knorr HIS is a book about horrible people,

I the horrible things they do and the horrible things that happen to them. A lot of the details of what these horrible people, soccer hooligans, do and what happens to them can't be repeated in a newspaper, but the details are what makes this book so riveting. Bill Buford, the editor of the literary magazine Granta and an American, got closer than anybody should to a group of British soccer fans, traveled with them over sevcral years, drank with them and, eventually, got beaten with them. This is his look at the "lads," and in a sense his analysis of how 95 people came to die crushed in a stadium in Sheffield in 1989. Buford set out to find out why violence

broke out all over Britain every Saturday after he found himself on a train that was hijacked by soccer supporters. His thesis was that this was the violence of the dispossessed, the alienated, the poor.

He found that it was much more complicated. Among the supporters were in-deed skinheads and the hopelessly unemployed, hot also slick professional thieves and the kind of people who prefer

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to refer to their activities as "this and that in the import-export line." Most did not fit any profile of a violent underclass. Still, one of the goals of the lads in going to a game, aside from getting enomously drunk, was not to spend their own money and if at all possible to come out ahead. You can imagine how.

Buford found that Britain's National Front plays a part in stirring up the trouble, and he met some of the decowater creatures who gravitate toward that

Most importantly, he shows how the lads' violent behavior, the way it is set up and the way it actually happens says a lot about the terrible power of crowds.

Buford went to his first game in 1983, and by 1984 he was looking to meet "them." He picked Manchester United, whose fans were so bad their own team management had banned them from the Continent (this did not, of course, prevent them from traveling).

This is what he found on the train from London: "people packed into the seats, on the floor, suspended from the luggage racks, playing cards, rolling dice, drinking unimaginable quantifies of alcohol, steadily sinking consciousness into a blurry stupor." And then he "came across someone who was truly spectacular to look at, qualifying for that special category of human being — one of its most repellent specimens. He had a fat, flat hulldog face and was extremely large. His T-shirt had inched its way up his belly and was discoloured by some-

Nome dating a married father of three with presidential ambitions. You believe that you and he have a future together: Explain.

Name three movies besides "Pretty Woman" that have helped shape your personal philosophy.

thing sticky and dark. . . . His arms doughy things — were stained with tat-toos. On his right bicep was an image of the Red Devils, the logo of the Manches-ter United team; on his forearm, a Union

The lads tend to be intensely nationalistic, not to say racist. When they're not grunting at black athletes or attacking Omers in italian restauran ing out numbing strings of obscene invective at any foreigner in sight.

As Buford atteods champiooship games, the kind that get lots of press coverage beforehand about how worried everybody is about violence, it all begins to sound early like one of those futuristic movies where New York has been given to the bad guys and walled in by police in Darth Vader uniforms.

The scariest theme in this spellbinding book is how Buford himself begins to feel the thrill of the violence. At this point he decides he's seen enough.

"There is such a raw terrible power in the crowd," he writes. "Fascists and revolutionaries understand its power. The National Front knows its potential and how rare it is to see that potential realized and how difficult it is ever to control

. Mussolini understood the crowd and knew to respect its power. It was football—its administrators, its cowboy owners and operators and the lad culture that has hull up around it - that didn't understand either the crowds it was creating or the terrible, killing power that

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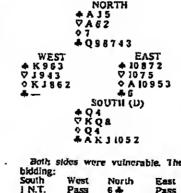
By Alan Truscott

OUTH cards in the diagramed deal were held by Brian Hayden of Keene, New York.

North-South had agreed to use transfer bids, but had omitted to discuss a crucial point: If a responder has a strong hand with a club suit, should he bid three the or prec Stayman. To avoid the possibility of a disastrous misunderstanding, North took a plunge in to six clubs. That was a good guess, because six clubs was due to succeed with the aid of a winning spade

However, South could not believe that his partner wished to play six clubs. He reached the erroneous, but understand-able, conclusion that North's action was an improvised transfer bid oo the basis of a long, strong diamond suit. He therefore hid six diamonds, and North naturally retreated to six no-trump.

Not unnaturally, West was somewhat confused by the auction. He had heard diamoods bid by South, and he had an aversion, as many do, to leading from a jack. So he produced a spade lead, and the dummy appeared. South gulped and finessed, resigning himself to a defeat by at least five tricks if the finesse failed. But when it won, he ran his club and beart winners, finally repeating the spade finesse and making the slam.

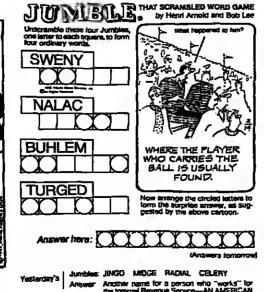


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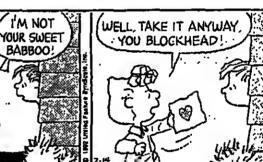
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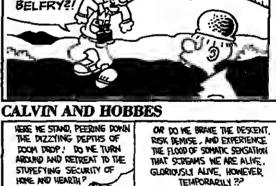
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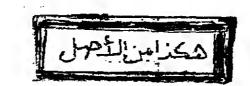


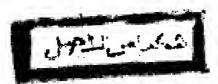












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# Minnesota Turns the Table on Indiana

Freshmen Key 71-67 Upset of 4th-Ranked Hoosiers, Avenging January Loss

The Associated Press

Minnesota's freshmen, overshadowed all seaon by Michigan's Fab Five, have grown up enough to turn a 50-point swing on Indiana. The Gophers, who were crushed 96-50 by Indiana on Jan. 9, beat the fourth-ranked Hoo-siers, 71-67. Wednesday night in Minneapolis and two members of the Class of '95 were

Voshon Lenard had 17 points and Jayson Walton added 16 for the Gophers (15-9, 7-4). who are still in the Big Ten race despite not being given much of a chance before the season with such a young team.
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the last minutes, but Indiana scored just one basket in the last 3:30. Trailing 69-67, the Hoosiers had the ball but Damoo Bailey's pass was knocked away and the ball ended up in the hands of McDonald, who was fouled and made the clinching free throws.

Minnesota's defense gave the Hoosiers (17-4, 8-2) fits as they shot 40 percent, their second-worst outing of the season and well below their 5) percent mark in conference games. Bailey was held scoreless and only Calbert Cheaney

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

provided the final margin, led Colorado with 15 points. Corey Williams had 12 points to lead

the Cowboys (21-2, 5-2).
No. 4 Kansas 91, Iowa State 60: Adonis Jor dan had 25 points to lead the Jayhawks (18-2, 6-1), now the first-place team in the Big Eight, to their 10th straight triumph over Iowa State at home. Kansas shot 62 percent and held Iowa State to 36 percent while outrebounding the

Cyclones (17-6, 3-4) 42-27. No. 9 Missouri 67, Kansas State 59: Anthony Peeler and Jamal Coleman each had 19 points to lead the Tigers (17-3, 5-2) on the road. Kansas State (12-8, 2-5) took a 50-48 lead with 9:33 to play, but Missouri went on a 9-0 run to take control.

No. 11 Arkansas 91, Vanderbilt 71: Todd Day had 25 points as the Razorbacks (18-5, 7-2) ended a two-game losing streak and tied Louisiana State for first in the Southeastern Conference's Western Division. Vanderbilt (10-10, 2-7), which committed 30 turnovers, closed within 69-58 with 8:07 left, but the Razorbacks went on an 11-2 run to end the visitors' comeback.

No. 12 Michigan State 76, Wisconsin 61: The Spartans (16-4, 6-4) beat Wisconsin for the second time in five days by the same margin,

Blue Devils (19-1, 9-1) won on the road in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Duke sealed the Shawn Respert, the Spartans' leading scorer, was slowed by stomach cramps, but his replacement, Kris Weshinskey, came up with a careerhigh 14 points. Wisconsin (11-12, 2-8) closed within 61-55, but the Spartans scored the next

seven points. No. 19 Kentucky 107, No. 16 Alabama 83; Sophomore center Gimel Martinez had careers highs of 26 points and 10 rebounds as the Wildcats (17-5, 7-3) held first place in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division and snapped Alabama's five-game winning streak. The Wildcats were 10-for-20 from 3point range and held a 51-6 advantage in bench scoring. The visiting Crimson Tide (19-5, 6-4) were within 62-59 with 10:12 left, but Deron Feldhaus scored all the points in a 10-2 run to

put the game away. No. 17 Michigan 79, Iowa 74: The Fab Five freshmen started their second straight game for the Wolverines (15-5, 6-4) and rookie Jimmy King scored seven of his 13 points in the final 3:09 for Michigan's 11th straight home victory over lowa (13-7, 5-5). Jalen Rose and Juwan Howard, two more freshmen, had 18 and 13 points, respectively, for the Wolverines.

Georgetown 70, No. 18 Connecticut 63: Robert Churchwell scored 19 points and Alonzo Mourning had 18 points and 14 rebounds as the Hoyas (14-6, 7-4) handed the Huskies (16-5, 7-5) their second straight loss at home. Georgetown led by 16 in the second half, but Connecticut rallied to tie the score twice before Churchwell's jumper with 2:22 to play gave the

Hoyas a 60-58 lead. No. 24 Cincinnati 108, Brooklyn College 54: The Bearcats (18-3) were playing their first game as a ranked team since 1978 and they. coasted at home against the outmanned Kingsmen (5-16), who dressed only eight players.

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# U.S. Beats Finland, 4-1, to Gain Medal Round in Hockey Games

MERIBEL, France - It's too early to suggest that another mir-acle is in the works, but be for-warned: something is happening here atop Mount Tougnete.

Relying on a minor-league goalkeeper and a forward who still bears the scars of the 1988 Olympics — and drawn against a team studded with 10 veterans of the National Hockey League — the U.S. hockey team upset Finland, 4-1. Wednesday for its third straight victory and clinched a berth in the

medal round. Earlier, U.S.-born goaltender David Delfino made 32 saves as Italy moved into position for a run at a spot in the medal round with a 7-1 victory over Poland. In the day's last match, Sweden

in the day's last match, Sweden got a spot in the medal round by beating Germany, 3-1, behind the offense of former NHL All-Stars Borje Salming and Mats Naslund.

Scott Young scored two goals and goalkeeper Ray LeBlanc made 29 saves as the U.S. thumped the 1988 Olympic silver medalists, thereby keeping pace with the

thereby keeping pace with the American squad that won all five of its games en route to the 1960 gold medal in became known as the Mir-

"I think everybody is really excited with what's going on," said

The Associated Press LA LECHERE, France -

Heavy snow fell throughout the

Olympic area Thursday, but there

was no serious disruption of the

2-Man Sleds

Lose Kipurs

And Hoppe

LA PLAGNE, France - Janis

Kipurs of Latvia, the defending Olympic champion in the two-man bobsled, and Wolfgang Hoppe of

Germany, the 1988 silver medalist,

will not compete in the race this weekend, their teams said Thurs-

Hoppe, the 1984 two-man and four-man Olympic champion for

East Germany, was considered a

having suffered a hamstring strain

But he lost a two-heat German

race-off oo Wednesday night

against sleds piloted by Rudi Lochner and Christoph Langen.

Hoppe, 34, was slow getting into his sled in the first heat and

The elimioation coded his

chance to reach a record four

Olympic gold medals. But he is

expected to compete in the four-

man event on the final weekend of

the Olympics, when he could equal the three-gold mark set by Mein-

Kipurs, 34, strained a calf muscle

during warmups Wednesday and

will not enter the two-man compe-

tition, a teammate, Zintis Ekmanis,

Kipurs, who did not take part in

the two-man practice, is likely to

race in the four-man event, in

which he won the bronze medal in

said Thursday.

hard Nehmer for East Germany.

couldn't make up the lost time.

five weeks ago.

**Snowfall and Rain** 

**Make Rough Going** 

Young, who suffered through the humiliation of a seventh-place finish in 1988 after such great expectations, "but we have to keep this thing in perspective. No matter where we finish in the first round, we can still be eliminated in one game with this new format. If we

"We can't afford to get over-confident," he said. "We have to just keep working. Yeah, we're hap-py after every game and we cele-brate a little bit, but that's as far as

The United States, at 3-0, re-mains tied with Sweden atop the Group A standings, although Sweden has the better goal differential. The Americans still have firstround games against Poland and
the world champion Swedes.

But as loog as the U.S. winds up
with one of the top two seeds, it will

avoid playing Group B power-houses like Canada or Czechoslovakia straight away in the medal knockout round, thereby buying itself some time. Finland (2-1), meanwhile, must

beat either Sweden or Italy to guarantee itself of a berth in the next

"I oever thought I'd be saying this," said Finnish forward Harri Laurila, "but it may be easier for us

In Albertville, at the foot of

Only cars with snow chains were

permitted on the roads to the Olympie sites in the mountains as

snowplows worked to keep the two-

In Méribel, the site of the wom-en's combined slalom, freezing rain

early in the day turned to heavy

snow that restricted visibility but

did oot interfere with the competi-

"It was kied of like going

through some whipped cream and checking it out. It was pretty ocat," said Krista Schmidinger of the

In La Plagne, the snow and poor visibility forced cancellatioo of

practice for the two-man bobsled. The Olympic flame was extinguished at La Plagne, and techni-

cians worked oo it to repair a fuel

supply problem as snow drifted

There was also heavy snow at

In Albertville, heavy rain threat-

meter speed-skating race. It began

ened the start of the men's 5,000-

as scheduled despite the constop

rain that considerably slowed an

already sloppy track. That forced a

resurfacing after every three pairs

of skaters, rather than after every

Michele Verdier, the spokes-

woman for the International Olym-

pic Committee, said that the weath-

er was a concern for the oext two

days but that it was unlikely to

Forecasts for Thursday night

called for 40 to 50 centimeters (15

to 20 inches) of snow on Alpine

peaks and as much as 20 centime-

The situation is expected to im-

prove Friday, with snow ending

during the night and temperatures

The forecast said sunny weather

would return to the upper slopes by

dropping to close to freezing.

ters at the higher Olympic sites.

disrupt the Games.

down on them.

try events are being held.

lane roadways open.

roads leading to mountain resorts,

the speed-skating evenus were run

to beat Sweden than the United States. Never did we expect this result to happen."

After Young gave the U.S. a 1-0 at 18:44 of the first period with a rush up the right side and a slap shot that slipped through the pads of goalkeeper Markus Ketterer, get too high, we could get beaten in this tournament."

Finland tied on a short-handed goal by Mikko Makela at 9:42 of

> But the United States went ahead for good about four minutes later when Carl Young sprung Tim Sweeney with a cross-ice pass that split the Finnish defense. Sweeney switched the puck from his forehand to his bachkhand side, cut in front of the goal, and jammed the puck underneath Ketterer at 13:55. Third period goals by Sean Hill and Steve Young's second — a short-handed score off a break-

away — put the game out of reach. LeBlanc, the hero of Tuesday's 2-0 victory over Germany, had his shutout streak broken at 110:57 minotes. But the 27-year old minor-leaguer still has recorded seven

scoreless periods in his last eight and not yielded a goal in third period in the Olympics.

Against Finland, LeBlanc foiled Petri Skriko and Raimo Helminan on breakaways, and withstood 23 shots over the final two periods as the Finns threw everything for-

Ray's play," Peterson said. "The few times we did break down, Ray came up with big, big saves."

Sweden's 32-year-old Nasiund, a three-time All-Star with Montreal assisted on the 40-year-old Salming's goal 4:04 into that game. Salming, a six-time All-Star with Toronto, connected from the blue line for his third goal of the tourna-

Michael Rumrich's power play goal at 6:22 of the period tied the score, but Sweden, which won the world championship last spring, took control with two goals in 45 seconds. Mikael Johansson got the first, then Nashund set up Patrik

Five different players scored first-period goals for Italy (1-2), which probably needs one more victory to qualify for the playoffs. Its remaining games are against Germany and Finland.

Poland (0-3) has been outscored, Italy never looked back after

Bruno Zarillo scored his first of two goals 3:05 into the game. Emilio Iovio followed with a breakaway goal, Giuseppe Foglietta scored at the end of a 2-on-1 break and Lucio Topatigh scored on a rebound for a lead. Santino Pellegrino made it



Goalie Ray LeBlanc, making one of his 24 saves during the United States' 4-1 defeat of Finland.

# How Sweet It Is in Sweden

#### Gustaffson Resists All Offers to Return to NHL

By Doug Cress

Washington Post Service MERIBEL, France — They make cannons and hockey players in Karlskoga, Sweden, a small, World War II factory town oear the North Sea

But the National Hockey League scouts who make the trek to Karlskoga every year or so have no oeed of cannons and they can't get the hockey player they really want, Bengt Gustaffson.

He quit the NHL for good in 1989 after an elegant nine-year career with the Washington Capitals. But that hasn't stopped the representatives of one NHL team after another from flying to Gothenburg and plunging into the Swedish

"Some of the offers I have taken quite seriously," Gustaffson said. "Yes, quite seriously. I was considering a proposal from Detroit a couple of considering a proposal from Detroit a couple of years ago; I mean, the money was really, really good. Bryan Murray was coaching Detroit, and I had enjoyed playing for him for, seven or eight years in Washington. It was a tough decision.

"But in the end, I have to ask myself if it would be a good thing to play in the NHL again. And I know it would oot."

The expansion San Jose Sharks currently own Gustafsson's NHL rights, but Gustafsson — who still answers to his old Capitals nickname of "Gus" - hardly cares. He devotes his time these days to the Swedish Olympic team, where, along with the former NHL stars Mats Naslund, Borje Salming and Hakan Loob, he has proven that there is after the NHL, even if everybody on the other side of the Atlantic thinks you left too soon.

Gustafsson, 33, who still wears the oumber 16 jersey he sported in Washington, managed just one assist in Sweden's first two games here. Nevertheless, there's no doubt that Sweden - the reigning world champion -- is an Olympic gold medal contender. Nor is there any doubt that Gustafssoo can still

"Oh, he can still play all right," said the Canadian team's coach, Dave King, "He can still play and command top dollar, too, if he wanted. But ! think that's the problem. Bengt's game is so much better suited to Sweden, with those wide rinks and no rough stuff. It's a finesse game over in Europe, and that's what Bengt plays."

Indeed, many helieve Gustafsson returned to

Sweden simply because he was sick and tired of the willingness to fight in the NHL. In a league dominated by goons and hit men in the mid-1980s, there certainly was no peace for a man

whose game was built around grace.
"I left America because I wanted a better life for my family, he said. "I wanted to lead a normal life, and, with all the murders and crime in the U.S. and the schedule we kept in the NHL, that was not possible."

Gustafsson actually quit the Capitals twice. He originally left after the 1985-86 season, but the team's general manager, David Poile, enticed Gustafsson back with a two-year, \$1 million deal. When Gustafsson waked away in 1989, however, the gustafsson waked.

er, there was no going back.
"The season's just too long, and there's oo way to lead a normal life," he said, "You play, what, 80 games or so in the regular season just to decide who goes to the playoffs. Then maybe you play 20 more, if you're lucky. That really started getting to me. I was always traveling and training and playing and I was oever able to be a normal person."
The Washington Capitals were a big part of

There was no peace in the NHL for a man whose game was built around grace.

my life. We had nine great years together. But I knew if I wanted to give my family a good life, I had to go away."

One of the first Europeans to crack the NHL Gustaisson made his North American debut in the old World Hockey Association, teaming up with Wayne Gretzky to help the Edmooton Oilers though the 1979 place of the Edmooton Oilers though the 1979 playoffs. The Capitals already owned Gustafsson's NHL rights, and brought him to Washington Wi beginning in 1979-80.

The Capitals had never won more than 24 games before Gustafsson arrived. But by the time he left almost a decade later, Washington was a Stanley Cup contender that posted a club-record 50 victories in 1985-86.

Gustafsson wound up his NHL career with 196 goals and 359 assists in 629 games, and still holds the team record for goals in one game: five. But the Capitals' inability to ever get beyond the division playoffs left him disappointed. "The Stanley Cup would've been nice," he said.

"We had some great teams the last couple of years. From January to March we were always great, but by the playoffs, we had always peaked. While other teams were getting hot in the playoffs, we were always finished.

When oot with Sweden's Olympic team, Gustaisson oow plays for Farjestad of the country's Elite Division, and he was among the team's leading scorers with nine goals and 13 assists at midseason. But the combination of club hockey and national team duty has convinced Gustafsson that he can take only one more year.

"I will retire after next season," Gustafsson said. "I've had fun and I've enjoyed it, but I have a life to lead. I'm too old to be doing this anymore."

Friday's Events All times are GMT-

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Figure Skating — Ice dencing, computations, 1630.
Luge — Men'a doubles, 0900.
Ski Jumping — 120 m, team, 1230.
Speed Skating — Women's 1,000 m.

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Finland - TV1: 1040-1010, 1700, 2125-2400; TV2: 1730-1830. Prance - A2: 0955-1200, 1900-1930; 2010-2330. FR3: 1300-1530, 2300-2330. Germany - ARD: 0945-1725, 2015-

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Cross Country Skiling — Men's 15 km, 0900; Women's 10 km, 1200. lce Hockey — Italy vs. Germany, 1200; Sweden vs. Finland, 1530; U.S. vs. Poland, 1915.

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# 2d Gold for Ulvang, 3 Straight for Finns

LES SAISIES, France -- Vegard

Ulvang of Norway became the 1992 Games first double gold winner Thursday by taking the medal in the men's 10-kilometer crosscountry skiing and Marjot Lukkar-inen continued a Finnish Olympic tradition by winning the women's five-kilometer race.

Ulvang, 28, the winner of the men's opening 30-kilometer on Monday, fell ocar near the halfway mark of the 10-kilometer race and broke a ski pole. After about 500 meters, Ulvang was handed another pole by a friend who was watching the race.

"It was about seven centimeters shorter, but it was really no big problem for me," Ulvang said. He used a strong finish to clinch the gold in 27 minutes, 36.0 seconds and defeat Marco Albarello of Italy by 19.2 seconds.

Albarello fell on a downhill

stretch between the fifth and six kilometer and lost his goggles. Christer Majback of Sweden finished third. Bjorn Dahlie, a Norwe-

gian who won the silver medal at 30 kilometers, was fourth. "It went better and better toward the end," said Ulvang, "but I'm more surprised at winning this one

ers. finished in 14 minutes, 3.8 sec- day is the winner.

onds to edge Lyubov Egorova of the Unified Team by 0.9 seconds. "I didn't believe the gold medal was mine until Egorova finished," said Lukkarinen, 26, a first-time Olympian who was runner-up to

on Sunday. Elena Valbe added another bronze for the Unified Team, finishing eight seconds behind Egor-ova. Stefania Belmondo of Italy was fourth.

"I was hoping for a medal, but never for the gold. It's such a great feeling." said Lukkarinen after winning the first Finnish gold medal at the Albertville Games. It was Finland's third consecu-

tive Olympic victory in the women's sprint race: Marja-Liisa Kir-vesniemi won in 1984 in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, and Marjo Matikainen won in 1988, at Calgary, Alberta. At 36, Kirvesniemi is one of the aldest female cross-country skiers

at the Games. The races Thursday were the first leg of the two-day pursuit, a new event at the Olympics. The second legs, a 15-kilometer freestyle for the men and a 10-kilometer freestyle for the women, are to be raced

The starting times will be stag-gered to reflect the finish of the first day's races. The first skier Lukkarinen, one of the late start- across the finish line on the second



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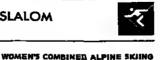


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11, Lubomira Balazava, Czechoslovakia, 14:54.6: 12, Manuelo Di Centa, Italy, 14:55.4: 13. Katerina Neumannova. Czechoslovakia. 14:35.1: 14. Carina Goriin. Sweden. 15:08.1: 15. 57!yla Hanegger, Switzerland, 15:82.4: 16. Go briele Hess. Germany. 15:03.7: 17, Neite Wezel, Germany, 15:04.1; 18, Ivela Zelinserova, Czechostovakia. 15:04.4; 19, Vida Venciene,

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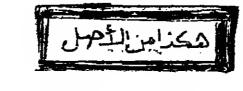


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LA CLUSAZ, France - People think speed skiers must be crazy to shoot down mountains at 130 miles per hour in skintight rubber suits. Noth-

130 miles per hour in skintight rubber suits. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Take Dale Womack — just an average, fundowing 25-year-old who finds himself on the eightmember U.S. speed-skiing team for the clympics, which are featuring this 200-kilometer per hour sport as a demonstration event for the first time.

Oh, be likes his speed, but in the summer Wo-mack leaves all the snowy, downhill madness be-hind and heads home to peaceful Durango, Colorado, to guide tourists in boats down the Upper Animus River, where the rapids

"After a day of that, you really are wrung out," said Womack. "All you can do is pound down a sixpack, lie down in bed and wait for the adrenaline to wear off."

On days off, he relaxes by shooting sections of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon on a surfboard, or going rock climbing.

A teammate, Jim Morgan of
Lake Tahoe, California, spends his summers pro-

ductively, too. "Tm a bungee-jumping guide," Morgan said.
"Not to brag, but I nailed one from 360 feet [110]

meters] into a two-foot creek for a head-dip. I bungeed the Golden Gate Bridge, too." "I don't do anything like that," mild-mannered Jeff Hamilton said with a sniff. "But I did ski 100 miles an hour naked once in Italy. We've got

These are young fellows, trapped in a web of youthful indiscretion. The dean of their four-man team is far milder - C.J. Mueller of Breckenridge, Colorado, the graying, angular ex-president of his high-school bridge team and a former Eagle Scout. His reason for switching from downhill racing to

"It doesn't hurt my knees so bad," said Mueller, who turned 40 last fall. And what does the C.J.

stand for? "Crazy John," said Mueller.
These folks and their four female colleague along with like-minded souls from around the globe, were showing their stuff to the world for the first time on Thursday, after moving from the practice run at La Clusaz to the competition slopes

In their bullet-shaped helmets, foam ailerons on the backs of their calves and airtight rubber outfits, they are not hard to spot. If speed skiing had been around 20 years ago, they never would have had to put the putty on Mr. Spock's ears for Star Trek. Just put him in a speed-skiing suit and turn him

And lest you think it's all just a male thing, check out the U.S. women's team, which includes a stewardess, a travel agent and the mother of a 3-

"The ladies are more serious," said Guy della Riva, a longtime aficionado of the sport who is helping the U.S. team prepare, "And they're almost as fast,"

Indeed, Melissa Dimino Simons, the stewardess, held the women's world speed record for a while at 125.1 miles per hour before it was eclipsed by Tarja Mulari of Finland at 132. The men's mark is 139.13 by Michael Pruffer of France, 2.7 miles per hour faster than Mueller's best time. Both record-holders will be on hand for the three days of racing.

These times mean speed skiers go faster on the ground than any human being without a push. So how do they do it? It's all gravity, guts and gear. They'll start 300

meters or more up the steepest grade they can find and plummet down in full tuck. Their helmets are flared at the base to form a Darth Vader-style nose cone. The winglike foam they tape to the backs of their calves keep their legs straight. The skis are slightly rounded on the bottom because edges are slow and you don't need them to go straight. The rub-ber suits are airtight but the wind tries to fill and rip them off.
Sometimes when air gets inside.

said Amy Guras, the speed-skiing mom, she puffs up like the Pillsbury Doughboy.

A speed skier in full descent sounds like an F-14 jet approaching. The ground shakes.

"I don't even like to stand around when someone else is running," said Wornack. "It worries

Yet speed skiers say that despite all the sound and fury, their sport is relatively safe. No competi-tor has died since one fell into a crevasse in Portillo, Chile, in 1979, said Womack, and since the track is straight and clear with nothing to hit, most injuries are just bone breaks, ligament tears, bruises and skin burns.

Scoring is simple. The 300-meter descent sends competitors careering into a 100-meter-loog "trap" where entrance and exit are timed. He who goes fastest through the trap wins.

At full speed, "it's a rodeo out there," said Womack, who fell in training Tuesday but merely broke his skis. "Your skis are getting thrown all over the place and you're telling yourself, 'Keep 'em flat!' The wind is trying to rip your suit off and every bump makes you want to open up and stabilize. But you have to stay in a tuck or you slow

"At 200 kilometers an hour, any movement throws you off. If your arm comes out a few inches, it'll spin you right around and if there's any wind, well, that's another story. We don't like wind." Falls are interesting.

"You feel like you're on a frying pan," said Hamilton. "There's so much friction, your suit melts right off. All you want to do is roll over and

# Kronberg Wins Combined for First Gold



Petra Kronberger placed third in the sialom portion, but won her first Olympic medal, a gold, by edging Anita Wachter in the combined.

# Freestylers: First Medals, Then Cheer

TIGNES, France - The world champions Donna Weinbrecht and Edgar Grospiron collected the first leaps, had evolved quickly. Olympie gold medals in freestyle skiing on Thursday, then set about lobbying for their sport

"It's a young sport and, after this, we will have to continue to work hard so that the other freestyle disciplines, ballet and aerials, also became medal events at the Olympics," Grospiron said after It was the first time the Olympics

had awarded medals in the sport. Weinbrecht of the United States and Grospiron of France were mobbed by fans who turned it into

involves skiing swiftly between leaps and smooth slaloming be-bumps on a 250-meter (E25-font) tween the 66 bumps on the course. took the bronze with 23.04 points track and completing two acrobatic The fans agreed. About 10,000 of

watched the event, their enthusiasm at a fever pitch as the French skiers battled the other leading medal contenders, the Americans, Canadians, and Swedes. Grospiron, with economy of leg

movement around the bumps, burned up the course with a 31.23second run, and won the event with a total of 25.81 points. Olivier Allamand, also of France, took the silver, and Nelson Carmichael of the United States, the bronze. Skiing next to last of the eight

tween the 66 bumps on the course. took the bronze with 23.04 points With points awarded for speed and and the second fastest time. style, she collected 23.69 after a 40.51-second run.

Then she watched the French hopeful, Raphaelle Monod, who had the lead after the elimination round on Wednesday.

The French fans roared encour-

agement as Monod closed in on the finish line. But she slid wide after hitting one bump, recovered but skidded again and shithered to a halt. She eventually placed last with the slowest time of 43.72 seconds and only 15.57 points.

Elizaveta Kojevnikova, a Russian from the Unified Team, took

finalists, Weinbrecht swept into the the silver medal with 23.50 points lead with two big spread-eagle from the fastest run - 39.47 sec"I felt disappointed for Ra-

phaeile because she's such a great skier," Weinbrecht said. "I wanted her to be up there on the medal podium as well." Weinbrecht predicted a bright

future for the freestyle event. "The sport is really going to go places after what happened today," Weinbrecht said. It means a dream come true. I have waited for

For years, freestyle skiing has been building to prove itself as thrilling and popular as the crowdpulling Alpine events, the downhills and slaloms. If the finals were

it for years."

# A Change Of Strategy

By Gerald Eskenazi

MERIBEL, France - In freezing rain on Thursday morning, Potra Kronberger had skied the sla-lom a bit slowly, conservatively, knowing that if she made a horrible mistake she lost any chance to become the women's combined

But then, in the afternoon snowstorm that howled through the valley, obscuring the peaks, she sud-denly changed her strategy.

"I tried to put the Olympics out of my mind," said Austria's most popular, and perhaps most trou-bled, skier. "But still I had to go fast so I wouldn't be sorry later." She has no regrets.

Fast she went through 43 gates, faster than anyone else oegotiated either of the two runs. She skipped 350 meters (1,150 feet) down the mountain in 34.24 seconds. And so the two-race total -- combined with her first-place finish in the downhill Wednesday — gave her the gold medal. She plans to go for an unprecedented four more, ton - in the downhill on Saturday, and in the subsequent sialom, gi ant slalom, and super-giant sla-

She has been a dour Austrian hero, having fallen and injured herself in the super-G world championships last year before her countrymen at home. To her, it was one more example of not living up to expectations

This experience was good because I was not under as much pressure," she said. "I was not at

The combined formula is weighted. Thus, in theory, a person can win the combined without winning a race.

Anita Wachter, also of Austria and the winner in Calgary in 1988, took the silver in the combined even though she finished 12th in the downhill and second in the sla-

With the gold and silver, the Austrians have now captured a total of 12 medals - already equaling their best Winter Olympics yet, the 1964 Games ou home ground in Innsbruck.

Florence Masnada of France won the bronze

But you would have thought the Americans shared a medal. Krista Schmidinger, who had been a stunning second in the downhill portion, was expected to finish far back in the slalom. Americans don't spend much time on the sla lom runs. Instead, she was a respectable 14th, and wound up 11th

"I just wanted to rip on my sec ond run," Schmidinger said. "I had nothing to lose."

But of her earlier run she said. "I couldn't see the hill this morning. "It was kind of like going through some whipped cream an checking it out. It was pretty neat."

The downhill presents another gold opportunity for Kronberger, but perhaps another disappoint ment. Better she doesn't think about it. "I found if I really want some-

thing, I don't get it," she explained.

She won the downhill in the world championships at home last year, set her sights on five medals, and fell in her next race. She also knows that to many Austrian purists, the combined is a

bastardized event not worthy of an Olympic medal. The combined downhill and slalom courses are not as demanding as those individual Olympic races.

just by winning the free skating. He needs to win it with Petrenko no

original program at the last two world championships only to be overtaken by Browning each time, opened with a magnificent triple axel-triple toe loop combination. Only a scratchy landing of a triple

# **Browning** Tumbles in Figure Skate

ALBERTVILLE, France - A dramatic fall Thursday by the triple world champion Kurt Browning may have cost him his chance of Olympic glory in figure skating. The Canadian's mishap on his

opening triple axel jump left Viktor Petrenko of Ukraine in comman after the original program.

Browning's tumble relegated him to fourth place behind Pe-

trenko, the European champion Petr Barna of Czechoslovakia and Paul Wylie of the United States. Petrenko, second to Browning at the last two world championships, skated a oear-flawless Spanish

bullfighter routine to music from the opera "Carmen" and carned eight marks of 5.9 ont of the maximum 6.0 for his artistry. Browning's disaster occurred 40

seconds into his performance. He appeared to drag his trailing foot on take-off, put a hand down on landing and could not prevent himself from falling. The Canadian, known as "the

money man" for producing his best when it mattered, did not do the second half of his combination jump, the triple toe loop, and also made a poor landing of a triple lutz. He looked close to tears at the end. The program counts for onethird of the total marks. The free

skating on Saturday completes the scoring and will decide the medals. Browning's cannot take the gold

higher than third in that section. The Ukrainian, who won the

She wanted to revel in her victory, though. She also wanted to displace remembrances of a sixthplace finish in Calgary in the down-"Five medals," she said. "This is

not simply something you can just push a button to do. Everything from now on is just icing on the cake. But if it doesn't work, I won't be unhappy."

She conceded she had a bit of

luck in being in position to win the combined. Austria's best in the event, Sabine Ginther, broke a vertebra in ber back in a practice run on Tuesday and was sent

Ginther was recovering Thursday at a clinic in Innsbruck after surgery. Dr. Herwig Daniaux, who performed the operation on a broken lumbar vertebra on Wednesday, said Ginther would be able to leave hospital in about 10 days, but it will take months until she's back

## Karlstadt Nonconformists on Ice, **Gets Gold in Speed Skate** By Michael Janofsky

ALBERTVILLE, France

Geir Karlstad of Norway, a flop in Calgary four years ago, fought through a steady rain and a sloppy track Thursday to win the men's 5,000-meter speed-skating race. Helped by a resurfacing of the

Span - 12 Sept. ice just before he skated, Karlstad skimmed the water-soaked Albertville oval in 6:59.97, the only one of Swizerand S 134 E the 36 skaters to break the sevenminute mark. Falco Zandstra of the Nether-

lands, who considers the 1,500 his best race, took the silver in 7:02.28, Australia Tarrela Milliano China Tarrela Milliano China Tarrela Milliano China and teammate Leo Visser took the bronze in 7:04.96. Frank Dittrich of Germany finished fourth in "I hit everything perfectly. Everything was 100 percent," Karlstad said. "Twe never skated that

Appendix of the second well before on soft ice. I didn't like New Zestand 17/12 200 Sacra Korea 1981 57/6 NORTH AMERICA Tanada 150 56/65 1 soft ice before, but now I do." Rather than trying to power through the heavy, slow track, Karlstad relied on speed to skim the surface, seemingly getting stronger with each of the 13 laps.

The Norwegian fans, outcheered

until then by a raucous, enthusias-

tic Dutch crowd, grew more excited with each fast lap.
Crossing the finish line, Karlstad glanced at the scoreboard, raised both his fists in the air, then skated in front of the flag-waving Norwe-

gians, pumping his arms. The weather prevented any skater from even approaching Johann Olav Koss's world record of 6:41.73 or Tomas Gustafson's 1988 Olympic record of 6:44.63. Gustafson finished in 7:15.56 on Thurs-

Koss, the three-event world record-holder from Norway and the prerace favorite in the 5,000 until developing a painful case of pancreatitis last week, finished fifth in

# **Duchesnays to Bid Adieu**

LA LECHERE, France - When they burst into worldwide consciousness at the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, four years ago, the judges did not know quite what to make of them. Amid all those other dance couples with their orthodox presenta tions to classical music, Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay of France wore simulated animal skins and used percussive rhythms to evoke images of Africa. They finished eighth.

If there was a message from the judges, as there often is in figure skating, they ignored it. Plunging ahead with new provocations over the oext three years, the Duchesnays not only rose in international standing from third at the 1989 world championships to second in 1990 to first in 1991 - they began influencing the way other skaters performed. More and more, the traditionalists began breaking out, even those from Russia, the seat of ice-dance conservatism, which produced all the champion couples but one since dance was added to the Olympic pro-

Not coincidentally, the exception was Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill of Britain, the iconoclasts of the 1984 Games in

## **Alpine Teams Protest** Course Preparation

VAL D'ISERE, France - The coaches from 10 national Alpine ski teams issued a strong protest on Thursday against poor preparation of the Winter Olympics course for Tuesday's slalom in the combined event.

The coaches, including those of the top teams from Austria, Germany and Switzerland, said work on the Bellevarde piste had begun only the night before the race. They said they could not understand why the course had been opened to tourists the evening before the race.

"We must unfortunately note that sport took second place," they said in a statement that urged the international jury to ensure better conditions for forthcoming races.

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Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Three years later, Dean became the Duchesnays' choreographer — and just last spring, Isabelle's husband — and the discipline has not been the

For those who have warmed to the Duchesnays - the 30-year-old son and 28-yearold daughter of a Canadian father and French mother who reared them in Ouebec - it may come as sad news that these Olympics will be their last.

"This is definitely it," Paul said Wednes-

Yet, there was not a tinge of regret in his

Just as the Duchesnays have shocked and entertained, they have stretched their sport to the point where mere classicists risk lower consideration by the judges. When the dance competition starts Friday night in Albertville with compulsories, they are clearly the favorites for the gold medal among 19 couples—despite the presence of the 1988 silver medalists, Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko of the Unified Team of former Soviet athletes, twice world champions.

The Duchesnays are an odd pair as innovators. By their kinship, they cannot use romantic themes as so many others do, like Klimova and Ponomarenko, who are married. For their free-dance program, Dean has chosen music from "West Side Story," but not with Isabelle and Paul as Maria and her boylriend, Tony. Paul is Maria's brother, Bernardo, and they skate an energetic, complicated, almost frenetic program that speaks to the tribulations of life.

To succeed, the program demands a uni-son of movement, but that has seldom been a problem for the Duchesnays. Even off the ice, they play well off each other, although their roles are not necessarily predictable. She has the more dominant personality; he, the more introspective. When Paul was asked how their relationship might have changed with Dean as a brother-in-law rather than mere colleague, Isabelle whispered to him, "It hasn't changed," before he could

Then: "It hasn't changed at all," he said



Viktor Petrenko of Ukraine was in command after the men's original program.

into the microphone. "The only thing that's gust, isabelle broke a small bone in one foot changed is that it's a little more fun in the In September, their older half-brother, Gasdressing room. Now, I'm not the only one joking around with Chris." Isabelle nodded slightly, an apparent sign of approval.

As workmates, they get along as well as any brother and sister. She recalled their last flare-up, when Paul became disturbed the other day because she had forgotten her sewing kit to replace a button on his cos-"No," he said. "It was when you stepped

on my foot during practice." Then he turned to the reporters: "When she wants to say something, she lets me know by squashing my foot

While their past performances have cast them as Invoices and potential national he-judges would be swayed by the sentiments of roes if they win, their preparation has not an audience, no matter how fervid. Skaters proceeded as smoothly as planned. In Au- always say that, too.

ton, died of cancer. Then last month, Paul suffered a groin injury the week before the European Championships. They were forced

The lost time was critical, in that both regard their current free-dance program as the hardest they have performed in competi-

"I find it quite difficult," Isabelle said. "It

took me a long time to master everything." For all the obvious reasons, winning the gold medal would be a fitting conclusion to their so-called amateur careers. They spoke of only wanting to skate their best, which is what all skaters say, and of doubts that the

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# 'Chippendale' in Java

By Michael Richardson emational Herold Tribune

LATEN, Iodonesia - A seemingly endless stream of traffic jostles for space on the narrow road that runs from Solo to Jogjakarta. Villages crowd the route. Emerald-green rice fields, patches of forest and stands of bamboo fill the spaces between.

The Klaten district of central Java, the main island of Indonesia, is one of the most densely populated rural areas in the world. More than 1.7 million people are packed into 550 square kilometers (210 square miles). As a result, the average land-holding has shrunk to 0.15 hectares (0.375 acres), and more than 40 percent of the population is landless.

Creating employment is a con-stant and growing challenge in Kla-ten and in many other parts of rural Java. Lack of jobs in the countryside is fueling a mass migration to already bloated cities, where most manufacturing and service industries are concentrated.

Odd though it seems, Thomas Chippendale, the 18th-century English cabinetmaker and furniture designer, is making a small but significant dent in unemployment in Indonesia.

Chippendale's designs, noted for their elegance and intricacy, remain popular in Europe and the United States. But the cost of making his handcrafted mahogany furniture in the West has become prohibitively expensive. When P. T. Alis Jaya Chippen-

dale, an Indonesian company run oo cooperative lines to reproduce Georgian and Regency furniture for export, began operations in 1925 in Klaten, it was very much on an experimental basis.

Klaten was chosen as a manufacturing site because it is a traditional center for woodcarving and craftsmanship. The forebears of some of the skilled workers at Alis Jaya were employed by the royal courts of Solo and Jogjakarta in Dutch colonial times when artistic patronage by rulers was a vital part of

tocal culture. To provide jobs and income for this pool of latent talent, the Indonesian Ministry of Cooperatives teamed up with the National Cooperative Business Association of the United States to launch Alis Jaya, stick of rain forest mahogany in our

"We've been profitable since year two and about a dozen companies have started similar furniture reproduction businesses to ours," said Samuel D. Filiaci, director of the Cooperative Business Associa-tion's program in Indonesia. "We have spread the seeds all over Java," he added.

In 1985, Alis Jaya had 35 workers and a small floor space; today, it has 1,500 staff in two large workshops, one in Klaten and the other at Jepara on the north coast of Java. Exports, mainly of Chippen-dale-design furniture, earned \$1.4 million in 1991.

Sudadi, one of three senior carvers in the Klaten workshop, admitted as he shaped a lioo leg for a chair that he did not have a deep knowledge of Chippendale and the more than 150 designs that first appeared in a 1754 catalogue in

Still, his finely honed carving skills enable him to produce replicas of even the most intricate and graceful pieces from the original Chippendale directory.

Alis Jaya employs carpenters, carvers, machinists, sanders and cabinetmakers, all at wage levels well above the Indonesian average although far less than a skilled worker in the West would get.

Under the supervision of several European cabinetmakers, the Indooesiao craftsmen produce high quality bookcases, cabinets, chairs, tables, desks, sideboards, mirrors and other Georgian and Resency

Thomas Chippendale was able to use mahogany in his workshop because the logs came to Britam as ballast in sailing ships that brought tobacco, a relatively light cargo, from the Caribbean.

The timber used by Alis Jaya is drawn from Indonesian state mahogany forests first planted by the Dutch about 300 years ago using seeds from Cuba and Honduras. It does not come from tropical rain forests, whose products are a target of import bans by environmental

groups in the West. Filiaci said that Indonesian mahogany plantations are harvested on a sustained-yield basis so that newly planted trees take the place of those cut down. "There's oot a with aid from the U.S. government. furniture," he said.

# Real America: A Russian View

By Patricia Leigh Brown New York Times Service

TEW YORK -The great leap forward in East-West relations is about to take a strange turn. Three Russian emigres now living in New York have been shopping around for the real America. They think they have found it. At Sears.

Constantin Boym, a furniture designer. and his friends Vitaly Komar and Alex Mela-mid, conceptual artists, have issued their twopart manifesto:

"Sears products exemplify the contemporary American aesthetic for heavy-duty beauty." — Komar and Melamid. "Some things are beautiful. Some things

are ugly. Some things are Searsy." - Boym. "Searstyle" is a oot totally ironic design movement that Boym is calling "the design alternative for the "90s." An exploration of what he termed the "visual and emotional heritage of Sears," it will be unveiled on Feb. 21 when his "Searstyle Furniture" exhibition opens at the Full-scale Gallery.

The next day, an exhibition of "Searstyle Fine Art" by Komar and Melamid, which will feature the Kenmore Symphony, a musical recording of the inside of a Sears refrigerator, opens at the Ronald Feldman gallery.

Perhaps it takes a non-American perspective to understand and appreciate the real Sears, the repressed Sears. "Of course, is beautiful?" Melamid said of such all-American wonders from the current Sears catalogue as the Magazine Rack Floor Lamp, a combination of three objects in one (page 1342; \$109.99 for one; \$89.99 each for two or more). "Sears is the nidden treasury of America.

Boym, Melamid and Komar have yet to inform Sears about their movement. But like any self-respecting promoters, they have big plans. "Searstyle" comes with its own press kit and campaign button (though not Sears's money-back guarantee).

It also has a fashion component. The three have commissioned John Mincarelli, who teaches at the Fashion Institute of Technology, to design vintage Searstyle clothes, including a mousey beige man's jacket with wood-grain lapels. (They disapprove of Sears's recent move to go stylish in its clothing department.)

A Sears spokesman in Chicago, told of the forthcoming exhibits, said Wednesday: "We obviously have not seen the designs so we can't comment. But we certainly would agree with their assessment that Sears is about as American as you can get."

The three friends, who grew up in Moscow but met in New York, conceived of Searstyle two summers ago while vacationing in a summer cottage decorated with Sears wood-grain walls, in a place prophetically called Vinalha-

"When you step into an American interior, your heart beats differently," explained Me-

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Designer Boym: "Some things are ugly. Some things are Searsy."

lamid, who immigrated to New York 14 years ago. "We are interested in things that define this life, in the power of the environment. We're formed by invisible things we don't pay attention to, like refrigerators. So we try capture the lost beauty of Sears."

The obiquity of Sears, ooce a mail-order symbol of middle American aspirations, came home to Melamid when he moved into a condominium in New Jersey and realized that his refrigerator was a Kenmore. "I said. Kenmore? What was this Kenmore? Kenmore was Sears."

For Boym, who started his own design studio in New York in 1986, the Sears catalogue is an inexhaustible source of design inspiration. "There's modern, there's kitsch and there's Sears," he said. "It is a symbol of all those good, practical, dependable things America has given the world. Honest things. Democratic things. Things that work. Things that are about occessity, oot style."

To illustrate his convictions, Boym ordered "authentic" hits and pieces from the Sears catalogue - including that icoo of American

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leisure, the corduroy backrest — and reconfi-gured them as elemeots in chairs and tables of his own design. "I want to bring the language of Sears into contemporary design," Boym said. "If f exhibited Sears chairs by themselves, oobody would get it."

Komar and Melamid's Searstyle art con-

sists of grainy beige and brown fake-wood-printed panels ("band cut from genuine plywood"). Each panel bas a word on it, and they can be combined to form statements like "Oh, Heavy Dark Hot Sears." The idea is to let customers combine panels to their own specifications, as if they were ordering chair legs or cushions from the Sears catalogue. But the prices are oot Searsy: the panels cost \$2,100 for the first three and \$500 each there-

They say their goal is to create an American equivalent of the Italian Memphis design movement, to do for Sears what Robert Venturi's "Learning From Las Vegas" did for Las Vegas (causing acceptance, that is, among snobby intellectuals who wouldn't be caught dead there).

# **PEOPLE** Hands Off the Prince

A Japanese press association said Thursday that its members had agreed to refrain from reporting about Crown Prince Narunite's hunt for a bride for three months ahead of his 32d birthday. The association, which acted at the request of the Imperial Household Agency, called on magazines and the foreign press to follow suit. Reports last week said the most likely candidate for Naruhito's bride was Masako Owada, 28, an up-and-coming diplomat. The bachelorhood of the prince is a source of consternation in Japan. The country's press incurred the wrath of the imperial court last year when a magazine dared to suggest that Naruhito would have better luck finding a bride if he changed his hairstyle, and published 10 touched-up photos showing him with remodeled locks.

A spiritual healer said that she had treated the Duchess of York for back and neck pain under a blue plastic pyramid in her basement apartment. The Greek-born mystic, who calls herself Vasso, said Thursday that the former Sarah Ferguson, 32, the wife of Prince Andrew, sat on a stool under the pyramid to soak up energy in order to relax. A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said, "The lady in question is a friend of the Duchess of York, but other than that we have oo commeot."
... Club-wielding police in Jai-

pur, India, sought to chase back thousands of people who invaded a polo field Thursday to see Diana. Princess of Wales, present a prize to her husband, Prince Charles. Hundreds of police barely managed to hold the crowd back as the princess formally congratulated her busband's team on winning the polo match 4-3. The prince, whose marriage is a target of frequent speculation in the British press, planted a rare public kiss on his wife's cheek in

Meredith Vieira, whose departure from "60 Minotes" last summer caused a tempest about the situation of mothers with careers. will return to the airwaves on "CBS Morning News" in the oext few weeks, Eric Ober, president of CBS News, announced. Vieira will be an anchor, with Charles Osgood, of the oews program that is broadcast weekdays between 6 and 7 A.M.

W. 3.3.802 Vicira was dropped from "60 Minutes" last year when, pregnant with her second child, she asked for an 119 Nati extension of the part-time schedule she had worked since joining the show in 1989. Don Hewitt, executive producer of the show, turned her down saying that he occded five full-time correspondents.

Whoopi Goldberg has bought & \$176,000 property near South Africa's Kruger Park game reserve. The actress, who has been filming in South Africa for the past month, intends to build a lodge on the 21hectare (52-acre) property to which she can escape between movies, her real estate agent said. Because there an are no fences, he added, game animals wander through on their way to the nearby Olifants River to the nearby Olifants River.

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John Singleton, writer and director of the gang film "Boyz N the Hood," was among the screenwriters cominated for the Writers Guild of America's top prize. The other nominees for original scripts were James Toback for "Bugsy," Richard LaGravenese for "The Fisher King," Lawrence and Meg Kasdan for "Grand Canyon," and Callie Khouri for Thelma and Louise." The awards will be anoounced March 22.

The British rock group Queen has announced plans to play an open-air concert in London in April as a tribute to its lead singer, Freddie Mercury, who died of AIDS last year. Proceeds from the April 20 concert at the Wembley football stadium, will go to AIDS charities world wide. . . Queen won the award for best single with These Are The Best Days Of Our Lives" at the British Record Industry Awards. Best male artist, best album and best video awards all went to the singer Seal. Other awards included: best international artist, Prince; best soundtrack, 'The Commitments.'

The musician Lon Reed is to become an officer of the French Order of Arts and Letters, the French Culture Ministry said Thursday. The American rock singer and song writer, once leader of the Velvet Underground group and now a soloist, will receive the artistic honor from Culture Minister Jack Lang on Tuesday.

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